

Piety Promoted,
The Second Part.

IN A
COLLECTION
OF THE
Dying Sayings

Of many of the
People call'd Quakers.

WITH
A Brief Account of some of their
Labours in the GOSPEL, and
Sufferings for the same.

John Tomkins.

*Gather up the Fragments that remain,
that nothing be lost, John 6. 12.*

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PREFACE.

By Another Hand.

Wonderful hath been
the Love of God
unto the Children of Men,
and Various have been the
Methods, whereby he hath
given Demonstrations of it:
All Ages and Generations
abounds with the Testimo-
nies of his Bounty to 'em :

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For his Goodness hath been
always so Plentifully ex-
tended, and also in such an
Indulgent Manner, as if his
Happiness was not Com-
pleat, unless Mankind did
partake of it. So that he
had great Reason indeed to
ask, *What cou'd have been
done more to his Vineyard,*
(the House of Israel) *that
he had not done in it?* For
he gave them his Good
Spirit to Instruct them,
sent his Servants the Pro-
phets to Reprove them;
and which was the most
Stupendious Kindness of
all,

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all, did also send his Only Begotten Son, to Reclaim them, and to be a Propitiation for them: Yet such was the Obstinacy of that Impenitent Generation, that few wou'd thereby see (however do) the things that belonged to their Peace, so that at last they were hid from their Eyes; *A Doom Dismal and Just!* May their Calamities be our Caution, that by their Harms we may learn to Beware.

For we have also, in this our Day, been Ho-
noured

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noured with a Visitation
from Heaven; a High and
Holy Calling indeed; a
Call to be *Holy*, in order
to be *Happy*: But few have
Obeyed, tho' Christ him-
self hath Called by his
Spirit, and by his Ser-
vants, by his Judgments,
and by his Mercies, that
Men might be Reduced to
the Paths of the Righteous,
which are Paths of Pleasant-
ness, and Ways of Peace.
But, alas! instead of being
melted to *Contrition*, by these
Endearing Testimonies of
his Goodness, such hath
been

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been the Ingratitude of many, they have done despite to the holy Spirit of Grace, that was given for their Eternal Profit; and have also very Evilly entreated his Servants and Messengers, whom he sent to Proclaim that Accepted Time, the Day of Salvation: Yet these Good Men were not, by their Hardships, weary of their Well-doing, but persevered to the End, in doing good to them; tho' they returned Hatred for Love, Persecution for Kindness; as

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thou'lt find by some Instances in these Collections, which the Industrious Author presents thee with; that the Drowsie World might be awakened to Holiness, by the Voice of the Dead; since that of the Living is so little regarded.

The Matter, thou'lt soon see, is very Excellent; since it shews thee, that to *Live Holily*, is the way to *Die Happily*: In short, it is a Continued Perswasion to Vertue, and a Compendious Directory in the way
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to it, by the great Means
of Examples ; which at
once gives both Light and
Strength in that Indispens-
ible Duty of *Living Well* :
And 'tis free of what might
excite thy Displeasure, not
intermeddling with the
Controversies of the Times ;
so that Charity perswades
me, that scarce any can
Read it, and not be Bet-
tered by it : Which gives
me the Boldness to Re-
commend these following
Sheets to the serious Per-
usal of all, High and Low,
Rich and Poor, Friends and
Enemies ;

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Enemies ; that all may be Humbled to the Improvement of their Time (that Treasure of Eternal Consequence) and be Wise, and consider their Latter End ; lest, when it is too late, they may desire to Die the Death of these Righteous Persons, and that their Latter End may be like theirs, who Breathed out their Pious Souls in Faith, and full Assurance of an Immortal Crown of Glory. For the Voice was true, the holy Man declared he heard, and that bid him
write,

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write, *Blessed are the Dead* which Dye in the Lord, that they may Rest from their Labours, and their Works do follow them, to their Comfort and Everlasting Consolation ; and stay behind 'em too, to the *Example of the Living*, who desire to Live to God, and follow them, as they follow'd Christ, in Humility, Self-denial, Brotherly-kindness, &c. Tho' thereby they are a Proverb of Reproach, and their Life accounted *Madness*, and their Latter End *without Honour* ; yet they will be Numbred

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Numbred among the *Children of God*, and their Lot will be among the *Saints*.

I will detain thee no longer from what is better, only Recommend thee to the holy Spirit of Truth, that is able and willing to guide thee into the same Blessed Truth it led these happy Souls into, and then thy Latter End will be like to theirs, *Comfortable and Glorious*: Which is earnestly desired for thee, by the Author of these Treatises; for I know, his sole Design is
thy

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thy Profit and Advantage ;
he desires none for himself,
but the Comfort of Well-
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better Principle, than to
make Gain of Godliness,
too much the Practice of
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William Dewsbury, was one
whom God raised up
in the Morning of
his Glorious Day, broken forth in
our Age. After that Eminent Ser-
vant of Christ, *George Fox*, was set
at Liberty, having been almost
Twelve Months in *Darby* Goal,
whereof near Six Months in the
Dungeon, for his Testimony to the
Truth. In the Year 1651, *George*
Fox passing from thence through se-
veral Counties, came to *Balby*, in
B York-

Yorkshire, where he was Instrumental to Convince several Friends of Note; and who were afterwards serviceable in their Days. As *Richard Farnsworth*, *Thomas Aldam*, *Thomas Goodyear*, *Thomas* and *John Kilham*, *James Naylor*, &c. And *George Fox* had a Meeting at *Lieutenant Roper's* House, and *William Dewsbury* and his Wife, came to that Meeting, and heard Truth declared: And the same Evening, they having some Conference with *George Fox*, confessed to Truth, and received it, and after some time, he did publicly Preach the same Truth.

And in the Year 1653, *W. D.* went into *Westmorland*, *Cumberland*, and *Lancashire*, and Declared Truth both in Steeple-Houses, and in Meetings; and underwent great Sufferings, Beatings, &c. and was Imprisoned at *York*, and also at *Northampton*, in the Year 1654. Indeed God made him an Eminent Instrument in his Hand, for the Publication of his Mighty Day of Power, Preaching Repent-

Repentance in order to the Remission of Sins; and he did bear a Faithful and Universal Testimony of the free Grace of God to Mankind: And the Lord was with him, and prospered him in his manifold Sufferings, Travels, and Labours, and Exercises in the Gospel of Christ, and Word of the Ministry: As may be seen in his several Books, Testimonies and Epistles, collected together in print. And many were made sensible of the Benefit of his Labours, Counsel, Admonition and Encouragement, to the Good and Welfare of their Immortal Souls. For the Lord, in whose Dread and Zeal he Laboured, did Endow him with Faith and Courage, and great Boldness for his Name and Truth; and he Publish'd the same in great Plainness, and in the Simplicity thereof. To the Tender Hearted he was exceeding Tender, but to the Stubborn and Lofty, he was Sharp and Plain; admonishing them, and Declaring the Righteous Judgments of God against

that State; watching with much Patience and Long-Suffering, the Recovery of such, who through the Subtilty of the Enemy, have fallen from the Truth, and from the Unity with the People of God: But when any made it their Work to cause Division and Discord, and to sow Dissention among Brethen, he would plainly Testify against them, and Reject them as he did *in his last Visitation to London*. A short time before his Departure, he had a Concern upon him for the Honour of God; and that those that had Believed, and made Profession of the Truth, might answer it in a Holy and Blameless Conversation, which he would often say, *could not be done by Largeness of Knowledge, and Strength of Comprehension, but by a real Dying to their Wills and Affections, by Vertue of the Dayly Cross.*

The Envy of Wicked and Unreasonable Men, was very great and fierce against him, especially in those early Days of his Travels and Labours;

hours ; and for the sake of his Testimony, he was often *Beaten, Stoned, and Imprisoned*. He neither feared their *Malicious Threats nor Blows*, but boldly went forth, Publishing the Truth, Testifying to that of God, in all Consciences ; and the Hand of Divine Providence did often deliver him out of the Hands of his Enemies, for his Name Sake.

A few Weeks before his Decease, he came up to the City of *London*, and did visit most of the Publick Meetings there, and did bear a Faithful Testimony to Truth, and for Love and Unity ; Preaching up the Cross of our *Gal. 6. 14.* Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the World is *Crucified unto us, and we unto the World*.

It being the Third Month 1688, when he was in *London*, he did intend to have tarried there with Friends, till the Yearly Meeting, which was approaching. But was taken Ill about the 29th of same Month, so that he could no longer

be in the City : He determined to return home ; and before he went left a Letter to the Yearly Meeting, which is as followeth.

Dear Friends and Brethren,

‘ I did not know till this last Night
 ‘ but that I should have been with
 ‘ you at the Yearly Meeting, but
 ‘ pleased the Lord to visit me with
 ‘ my antient Distemper, which had
 ‘ accompanied me in Prison ; and
 ‘ since I was released, the Distem-
 ‘ per was so sharp upon me, as to
 ‘ Sense, this last Night, that I did
 ‘ not know whether I should have
 ‘ lived to have seen another Day
 ‘ But crying to the Lord, he order-
 ‘ ed and cleared my Way to go into
 ‘ the Country, so that I cannot be
 ‘ with you at this Yearly Meeting
 ‘ but desire the Lord to assist you
 ‘ with his Blessed Power, and Hea-
 ‘ venly Life, to bring in the Scat-
 ‘ tered ones to their Everlasting
 ‘ Comfort, and his Glory for ever.
 ‘ *Ammen.*

And

And that it may be so with you,
is the Prayer of Your Loving Bro-
ther,

William Dewsbury.

London, the 30th of the
3d Month, 1688.

He Lived but Seventeen Days
after he left London; and making
short Journies, got home to War-
wick, and continued weak in Body:
And a few Days before his Depar-
ture, some Friends being together
with him in his Chamber, *W. D.*
rising up in his Bed, in great Weak-
ness of Body, he said to them as
followeth.

*My God hath yet put in my Heart to
bear a Testimony to his Name and Bles-
sed Truth, and I can never forget the
Day of his great Power and Blessed Ap-
pearance, when he first sent me to Preach
his Everlasting Gospel, and Proclaim
the Day of the Lord to all People: And
also he confirmed the same by Signs and
Wonders. — Therefore, Friends, be
Faithful, and trust in the Lord your
God;*

God; for this I can say, I never since played the Coward, but as **Joyfully entered Prisons as Palaces**; bidding mine Enemies, to hold me there as long as they could; and in the Prison-House, I sung Praises to my God, and **Esteemed the Bolts and Locks put upon me, as Jewels**; and in the Name of the Eternal God, I always **got the Victory**: For they could not keep me any longer than the determined time of my God.

And Friends, ^{about} this I must once again testify to you in the Name of the Lord God, That what I saw above Thirty Years ago, still rests as a Testimony to leave behind me, **That a Dreadful Terrible Day is at hand, and will certainly come to pass**: But the time when, I cannot say; but all put on Strength in the Name of the Lord, and wait to feel his Eternal Power, to preserve you through the Tribulations of these Days that approach very near. In the Sense of which, I have often been Distressed and Bowed in my Spirit, with Cries and Tears to my God, for the Preservation of his Heritage. And.

And this I have further to signify,
That my Departure draws nigh; **Blessed be my God, I am prepared, I have nothing to do but dye,** and put off this Corruptible and Mortal Tabernacle. This Flesh that hath so many Infirmities; but the Life that dwells in it, ascends out of the Reach of Death, Hell, and the Grave; and **Immortality and Eternal Life,** is my Crown for ever and ever.

Therefore you that are left behind, fear not, nor be discouraged, but go on in the Name and Power of the Lord, and bear a Faithful and Living Testimony for him in your Day. And the Lord will prosper his Work in your Hand, and cause his Truth to flourish and spread abroad; for it shall have the Victor, and no Weapon formed against it shall prosper. The Lord hath determined it shall possess the Gates of his Enemies, and the Glory and the Light thereof, shall shine more and more, unto the perfect Day — —

So he concluded in Prayers to the Lord, with fervent Breathings, and

plications for all his People every where, but more especially for his **dearly Beloved friends assembled together at the pearly Meeting at London**: Where he had intended to have been, if the Lord had given him Health. His dear Love was to all Friends who enquired after him. He departed this Life at his House in *Warwick*, in a good Old Age, on the 17th of the 4th Month, 1688.

Robert Wardel, of *Sunderland*, in the County of *Durham*, received Truth about the Year 1661, and did bear publick Testimony to the same, not only in *England*, (his own Native Country) but also in *Scotland*, *Ireland*, *Holland*, and some parts of *Germany*; and in the latter part of his days, viz. in the Year 1694, he went with our dear Friend *Robert Barrow*, to visit the Churches of Christ in *America*. And after they had travelled through Nine Provinces, or distinct Governments in those Parts, among whom, they

they had had Three Hundred Twenty Eight Meetings with the People for the Worship of Almighty God, and their Comfort and mutual Refreshment in the Lord.

And God enabled them to perform their Service to the Desire of their Hearts, in their Old Age; and by his Power, Supported them under all Exercises which they met withal.

They left the Continent to visit the Islands, and after they had been at *Antegoa* and *Bermudus*, where they had had considerable Service among Friends and others, in those Islands, they arrived at *Jamaica*, on the 10th of the 2d Month, 1696; intending if the Lord did permit, to have gone to *Pensilvania*, &c. again. After their Arrival at *Jamaica*, they had several Meetings, but about the 18th of the said Month, *Robert Wardel* was taken ill, for the Climate was exceeding hot, which made great Alteration upon them both: Especially *Robert Wardel*, who was very much indis-

indisposed. And a Friend asking him how he found himself, he answered, *I have been Sick many times, but I never felt my self as I am now; therefore I know not how it may be with me, the Will of the Lord be done: I am given up, and am content with God's Will.* Another time he said to the Woman-Friend, at whose House he was, *The Lord Reward thee; for thy tender Care makes me think of my dear Wife: I know not whether I may ever see her more, but however the Will of God be done. I am, and was willing to be contented with the Will of God, whether Life or Death, before I came hither; and I bless God, I am not afraid to dye:* And so he continued to the end, in a resign'd Frame of Mind, submitting to the Will of God. And upon his dying Bed, gave divers good Exhortations to Friends who came to visit him, concerning the Education of their Children, their Care in Discipline in the Church; and that things might be kept in good order; and that Friends might answer God's

God's Love to them. And after a few Days Sickness, peaceably finished his Course, on the 22d of the 2d Month, 1696, at the House of John Dobbin, in Elizabeth Parish in Jamaica.

Elizabeth Harman, late Wife of John Harman, Haberdasher in London, and Daughter of John Staploe, Grocer of the same City; was visited with a lingering Distemper, which continued upon her about Four Months, in which time, God was graciously pleased to give her many opportunities of great Comfort, inclining several Friends to visit her, and pray to the Lord on her Behalf. She much desired Retirement, to feel her Mind stayed upon the Lord, that she might feel his Living Power, to Prepare her, that whether Life or Death, she might be freely resigned and given up to the Will of God.

But she said, *Oh how hard it is to come there! It's hard Work to dye without having a full Assurance of the Love of God.* She had great Travail and Exercise of Spirit, with strong Cries to the Lord, and Wrestlings against the Enemy, who endeavoured to hurry her Mind, and bring her into Doubts and Fears, that she would often say,

How busie is the Enemy in a time of Weakness, and how hard it is to have a Mind stayed upon the Lord!

After some time, it was thought convenient, for the Benefit of the Air, to remove her into the Country to *Mill-Hill*, in the County of *Middlesex*; which being done, she was satisfied therewith, saying, *She hoped she should have more Opportunity of Retirement, to seek the Lord, and find him near her.* One Day her Father being by her, she said, *Oh 'tis a good Condition truly to wait, and feel the Mind staid upon the Lord.*

And her Father related something of his own Experience, having been greatly

greatly distressed for want of the Presence of the Lord, and Help in the time of Need. She replied, acknowledging her Father's Experience; speaking with great Respect of him, and low Thoughts of her self. At another time she said, *O the Enemy takes Advantage of my outward Weakness.* But Faith arising, said, *I trust the Lord will drive him quite away.* A few Days before she dyed, her Father and another Friend, coming late one Night to visit her, found her under great inward Travel, for the Enjoyment of the Love of God to her Soul, that being all she desired. And the next Day waiting upon the Lord in her Chamber, the Friend signified the Sense he had of the Mercy and Love of God towards her. Desiring that she might wait to feel more of it, and trust therein, watching against the Enemy: And he did believe God would graciously answer her Desire and Breathing, and she acknowledged his Regard to her. And the Friend added, *I believe this Day shall not pass over,*

over, before the Lord giveth thee thy
 longed-for Desire ; [which was God's
 Presence] and she believing, answer-
 ed, *I believe the Lord will hear thy
 Prayers for me.* And about the 3d
 Hour in the Afternoon, while her
 Husband and Friends sat by her, wait-
 ing upon the Lord, the same Friend
 prayed, and God did in a large man-
 ner, manifest his Love amongst
 them, and by his Living Power, did
 drive away the Clouds and Darknes,
 to the refreshing of the Mourner, and the
 Comfort of her, that could not be com-
 forted without the feeling of his Power
 and Goodness: And she said, **Oh now
 is the good time come ! now I
 feel the Love of God towards me,
 in my Soul ! he hath open'd my Heart,
 and brought me into Liberty ! How good a
 God have I ! Oh the Merciful God that
 I have to do with, that hath remem-
 bered me ! He that said to the Thief upon
 the Cross, To Day shalt thou be with me
 in Paradise, He hath looked upon me.**
**Now I am satisfied ; now I am
 freely resigned and given up un-**
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to the Will of God; for now hath the Lord given me the Assurance of his Love for ever. And it was observable, how careful she was all along of speaking any thing beyond what she did enjoy.

As her near Friends and Relations, did sympathize with her in the deep Exercise and Travail of Soul she underwent, before she received the full Assurance of Eternal Happiness; Which when she had attained to it, was occasion of Comfort and Gladness of Heart to them.

Soon after some came to visit her, to whom she signified something of the Lord's Dealings with her; *Remembering them of their latter End, and the Necessity of a Preparation for that time; and withal, how hard it was to dye.* One of them being under some Convincement of Truth, she declared the Need there was to mind and have Regard to the Convictions of the Spirit of Truth, and Discovery of Light. Certifying the Principle of Truth to be most excellent; and so many as were
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led by it, are fit to dye: But if any professing the same, did act contrary, the Fault was their own. Desiring that not any thing of that kind, might be a *Stumbling-Block* to them: With more that she said, speaking of the great *Assurance* of the Love of God which she enjoyed, and now was willing to dye, having nothing else to do, but to dye. Which much affected the Persons she spoke to, that they wept much, and said they should never forget what she had said.——At Night her Husband, and Father, and others, being present, she said, Come, now rejoyce with me; the good time is now come, because the Lord is good, the Lord is good; and hath given me the *Assurance of Eternal Life!* So that you may now rejoyce with me, and I hope you will have a joyful Parting; the Lord give you a good Meeting from whence I am to be buried, and bless the opportunity to them that may be there. Oh that all might be Diligent who have been Careless, and let their Minds out after vain things; desiring that all might Love Plainness.

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The next Day signifying to those about her, the Continuance of the Favour and Love of God, that she was enlarged to speak of, and praise him for the same, who did support her under great Weakness; and that she saw clearly through the secret and subtil Workings of the Enemy of her Soul. Who would have discouraged her, but (said she) I know the Power that hath driven him back, and he must enter no more: Now is my Soul redeemed to God, and he that hath redeemed me, is near me. The sufferings and Death of Christ, and of his agonies the shedding of his Blood, and what he hath done for me, I feel now that I have the Benefit of all: Blessed be my Redeemer, who is near me.

On the 6th Day of the Week, came divers of her Relations and Friends from London to see her, and were much Comforted, because of the good Condition that they found her in; and the time was good, because the good God of Life, opened the
Living

Living Springs in their Hearts ; that which stop'd the Well, being taken away : So that those who Loved her most, were reconciled to part with her. Then to one of those present, whom she Loved much, she said, *Oh Why hast thou staid so long ? If thou hadst been here before, I believe I had been gone ; but oh when I wrestled with the Lord for my own Soul, thou wast still before me, and it was often in my Mind to send for thee : Indeed I may say the Lord constrained me, and it was to tell thee this, That thy State is as mine was, not as mine is : No, no, Thou hast hard Work to do first : Oh the Anxiety, the Sorrow, the Agony and Perplexity of Soul, the Lord hath been pleased to lay upon me, yet blameless as to my Life and Conversation : None can accuse me of any Evil, neither do I believe they can thee ; neither can I. Therefore take it not amiss, for in pure Love to thy never-dying Soul, do I Persuade thee and Exhort thee ; for I cannot but say, I have seen clearly into thy State, because I Love thee. I am concerned for thee,*

thee, I know it is as I was: I have
 sometimes gone to a Meeting, and not
 keeping on my Watch, my Mind was
 cumbered with many things, and I have
 gone away never the better: Answer me;
 Hath it not been so with thee? And
 no Reply being made, she spoke
 earnestly, and asked again, Prithee
 tell me, tell me; then an Answer being
 given, she said, Watch and Pray, Dear
 Friend, for thou wilt find it hard to dye,
 live as well as thou canst: And thou
 knowest not but it may be thy turn next.
 Though thou art a Flower, so was I;
 yet see how I am faded away: Forget
 not my dying words, forget them not;
 they are spoke to thee in pure Love.
 Therefore Dear and Tender Friend, take
 them so. Then she said, Farewel,
 farewel; I am going to Eternal
 Glor^y, but oh how hard was it to ob-
 tain an Assurance thereof! But now
 Glor^y, Glor^y, to my God! I have
 obtained Pardon, and I am going
 to him. And one word more, Dear
 Friend, keep in all Plainness, both in
 House and Apparel, for that becomes

us best ; that will last longest, that we shall have most Peace in ; then bid her again, Farewel, Farewel.

That Night another Friend came to visit her, who with her Husband, Father, and divers other Friends, had a good Meeting in her Chamber. After which, she expressed her Affections to her Husband and tender Children, desiring the Blessing of God upon them, and that her Children might be brought up in the Fear of the Lord, and in that Plainness that Truth Leads into ; and said affectionately to her Father, Thou hast been a tender Father to me, be so to mine, a Grandfather, double, double.

And further said, Tho' I have a Dear, Loving Husband, and Two fine Children, and plenty enough of things of this World, so that there is nothing wanting ; But O What's all that ? It's as nothing in comparison of the Overcoming Love of God, which I feel. Oh how gracious a God have I ! Now I want to go hence, I long to be dissolved : Come Lord, come Lord
Jesus,

Jesus, receive my Spirit. And for the Comfort of her Friends, said, *My gracious God hath given me the full Assurance; oh the Light that I see before me, and the Glorv of that Kingdom I shall soon enter into!*

The Night before her Departure, it having been the Monthly Meeting at *Mill-Hill*, several of her Friends having come from *London* to visit her, after they were gone, her Father took notice what a Company of Friends had been below, she replied, *I pray God bless you, and grant to you all, as happy an End as I am like to make.* With many more sensible Expressions, which she uttered. That Night she received a Letter from our Friend *William Penn*, whom she much esteemed; who had been to visit her in the beginning of her Sickness; Part of it is as follows——

Dear Elizabeth,

‘I am grieved that I am hindred from seeing thee, but the Lord I have

'have sought for thee, and in Spirit
 'abundantly sympathized with thee
 'I beseech him, make all easie to
 'thee, in Life or in Death; the
 'Lord God of thy Life, and the Life
 'of his dear People, be with thee
 'and do his blessed good Pleasure
 'In the Love of which endless Life
 'I bid thee Farewel, Farewel. Thy
 'Friend and Brother in the Lord
 'where we shall meet again, and live
 'for ever.

The which Letter, a Friend pre-
 sent, at her Desire, answered, and
 she at Conclusion, expressed these
 words, *My Love in the Lord Jesus,*
in whom I received his Love, is dear-
ly to him, and my dear Love to his
Wife.

The next Day being the 2d Day
 of the Week, she said in the Morning
 to them about her, *Dear Friends*
Farewel, the Lord God of Heaven and
Earth, be with you, Bless you and Pre-
serve you. And having taken her
 Leave of her Husband, and all in
 Order,

Order, leaving Directions not only
 about her Children, as to the bringing
 them up, but also the Family she left
 behind, and concerning several Acts of
 Life Charity; also her Burial, and the man-
 ner of it: About the 3d Hour in the
 Afternoon she said to a Minister pre-
 sent, who did often visit her in her
 Sickness, *A True Friend, the Lord Re-
 ward thee when I am gone.* And having
 an easie Passage, soon fell asleep, and
 is now at Rest in the Lord.

She remembered her Love in the Lord
Jesus Christ to Friends. She Dyed at
 Mill-hill, the 12th, and was Buried
 in London the 15th of the 2d Month,
 1698. Aged 28 Years.

A NN Mercy Staploe, Daughter
 of John Staploe, of Aldersgate-
 street, London, a young Maid, be-
 tween Fourteen and Fifteen Years
 of Age, who was a *Dutiful Child* to
 her Parents, a *Pattern of Content* in
 the Family, and was seldom out of
 C Temper

Temper, whatever happen'd. She had been at School the 18th of the 1st Month, and was taken sick the same Day, of a violent Feavour yet preserved in her Senses, to the last. At the time of her first being ill, a Neighbour being with her, she said, *She thought her self to be taken much after the manner that the Servant Maid was, that dyed out of the Family, Two or Three Months before ;* and she was heard to say *she lay in a quiet and still Frame, Thy Will, thy Will be done :* And another time her Mother asking how she did, she chearfully answered, *That she thought she should not recover, but desired to be contented with the Will of the Lord.* And when her Friends came to see her, she affectionately acknowledged their Visit, and said, *her broken Heart and contrite, was accepted of the Lord.* With many more words but her Voice being low, could not well understand them. A Friend taking Leave of her, desired the Lord to comfort her, and she answered

answered, *He hath*; and said, *I have been in the sweetest Frame, that ever I was in, in my Life. Praises, Praises, be to the Lord, for thou art worthy of it!* And declared her *Willingness to dye, and that she was happy in the Lord.* And being asked to take something to moisten her Mouth, said, *None, for in a few Minutes, I shall be at Ease*; and looking on her Friends about her, she turned her Face to the Pillow, and said, *Anne Mercy, bids all Farewel.* And a Neighbour asked her if she was willing to dye, she said, *Yes, and go to God*; and departed in about *Two Minutes after.* Having been Sick Four Days, dyed on the 22d of the 1st Month, 1700; and was buried from *Bull and Mouth Meeting-House*, the 25th of the same Month. Aged between 14 and 15 Years.

A Youth about Nineteen Years Old.

M*Organ Cadwolader, Son of Cadwolader Morgan, of Marian-Township, in Pensilvania; being under Weakness of Body, he said when he was in Health, he was not so careful as he should have been; so that when he heard Friends speak concerning the Preciousness of the Work of the Lord, and concerning being serious, and how needful it was to use but few words in our Conversation, he was not careful enough concerning these things: And when it happened he was among some who were Light and Vain, it was pleasing to him.*

But when the Lord was pleased to visit him with Sickness, and bring him in his Apprehension, very near Death; then he began to consider his Condition, and saw himself wanting: Then the Fear of the Lord came upon him, and he took Delight in his Service: And the Company

pany of them who was most serious and careful to keep close to the Lord, was most acceptable to him. And he desired that they would pray for him; and the Lord put it into his Heart to go alone, to wait upon him, and pray unto him. And it was his chief Concern to be serious and grave, and to refrain from that Company which he formerly delighted in. And such a Fear was upon his Heart, that he would desire his Friends and Relations, if they heard him at any time say amiss, to tell him of it. And when he was in his last Sickness, a Friend visiting him, enquired how he did, he replied, *I am not afraid of Death, nor Punishment after it; for I know, and am satisfied, That the Lord will have Mercy on me: And yet I wait to come one Step nearer to him.* And to another Friend he said, taking his Leave of him, *When thy Heart is tendered, remember me; for it is good for one that is weak, to have Help.* And did often say, *The time of my going to my long home,*
C 3 *draws*

draws nigh; and said, *How good is the Lord, and how great is his Love!* One time he asked his Mother how much he did want of Twenty Years? she replied, *Three Quarters of a Year.* Then he said, *If I go to my Grave in my youthful Days, I shall escape a great deal of Trouble that is in the World.* And farther he said, *I have very often used to go alone into the Woods, and fall on my Knees to pray to the Lord, and make Covenants with him; and that with many Tears: Though I have sometimes been too short in performing my Covenants which I made in my Distress; yet the Lord has been merciful to me, and I am willing to dye. But this poor Carcase, which is much decayed already, will go to the Grave, but the purer Part, or Spirit, that is in it, will go to the Lord that gave it.* He said to his Brother, *I know thou art tender, and often broken into Tears: If thou wilt be careful, the Lord will be good to thee. And I desire thee, after Meeting on First Days, and on other Days, when thou hast time, to read the Scriptures, and*
Friends

Friends Books, and spend less time in reading History. Though I don't say there is Harm in so doing, if it don't too much employ thy Mind: For these things will be of little Worth at last: I hope thou wilt think on my words, when my Body is in the Dust. And he prayed on this wise, O Lord, who doth hear and see in all Places; Let it be good in thy Sight, to look upon me poor Mortal: Comfort and Strengthen thou me, against the time, that thou may'st see it convenient to take me out of this World: And if there be any under great Trouble, Lord do thou help them. The Morning before he departed, a Friend asked him how he did? his Answer was, I am very well; I can wait bravely to Day, better than at any time before; and desired his Father to wait with him that Day: And also intreated both his Father and Mother to pray to the Lord for him. And gave good Advice to his Sisters, to shun vain Company; adding, through the Goodness and Mercy of the Lord, I am going to a good Place. And said,

don't despise your Father and Mother
 Further speaking to them all, said
When I am departed, be you silent, and
have a care you make no Noise ; but for
Weeping, you cannot help that. And
 then he said, *Turn me on my Right*
Side, and I will trust in the Lord.
 These were his last words that he
 said, and so slept about Half a
 Hour, and departed this Life, without
 struggling ; as if he had fallen
 into his natural Sleep.

He dyed the 16th Day of the
 12th Month, 1698 ; aged Nineteen
 Years and Three Months.

Richard Samble, was Born at a
 Place called *Penn-Hall*, in the
 Parish of *Enoder*, in the County of
Cornwall ; and Baptized according
 to the manner of the Church of *Eng-*
land, the 24th of the 5th Month,
 1644 : And his Education was ac-
 cording. In which he continu'd, un-
 till it pleased God to call him by his
 Grace,

Grace, and to reveal his Son in him; which was about the Year 1666; at which time, the Lord sent some of his Messengers called Quakers, into those Parts, to make known *the way of Salvation, and to turn People from Darknes to Light*: Whose Testimony he received, and closed with; and like Ephraim, did lament his mispent time, under *a Form, without Power*. And did then joyn himself to the Lord and his People, as in *a perpetual Covenant*, that can never be broken. He was brought into deep Humility, and sate down in Silence, in the Assemblies of God's People, for several Years, in Tenderness, Fear, and Trembling; waiting upon the Lord, for that Wisdom which was from above: And sometimes when his Heart was filled with the Power of the Lord, he would in much Tenderness, speak *a Sentence or two, in a Meeting of God's People*, which was received and accepted; (*as five Words to Edification*) And though his Presence was

Contemptible to the great Men, Rabbies, Orators, and Disputers of the World ; yet his Testimony was made powerful to many.

He was improved in his Gift for the Work of the Ministry, through great Diligence ; and in his last six Years, travelled frequently from County, to County ; visiting the Meetings of Friends, in many Parts of *England* and *Wales*. And at his Return from his Journies, fell diligently to his Trade, which was a Taylor, for the Help of his Family.

He gave up his weak Body to spend, and he spent in God's Service ; and was as careful of his time as if he had seen the Shaddows of the Evening stretched out.

And he adorned his Testimony by a *circumspect* Life. He was very *temperate* ; and all things were so sanctified to him in the Fear of the Lord, that he was a sweet Saviour in his Day. His Wife did not remember that ever she heard him *Speak one unsavory word, during the*

Twelve

Twelve Years she was his Wife ; and Contented in every Condition : Exhorting his Wife and Children, to live in God's Fear. And in the Church, he was as a nursing Father ; never sparing his Labour, though many times through much Difficulty, to visit the People of God, both in Season, and out of Season. Rebuking some, Exhorting others ; and Comforting and Confirming many, in that Heavenly Power, which did accompany him : Being willing to serve the Lord, with all his Heart, Mind, Understanding, and Strength.

About the 1st Month, 1680, in his Travels (having been weak some Months before) he was taken Sick at *Pool*, in *Dorsetshire* ; from whence, (expecting to see them no more) he wrote an Epistle to Friends in *Cornwall*, the County where he was *Born*, and where he *Received Truth* ; and also where his *Family dwelt* : Which is as followeth.

*To Friends in Cornwall.**Dear Friends,*

I Send this Salutation, as tho
 ' it were my last, unto you
 ' wherein I take my leave of you
 ' the Lord Jesus Christ, desiring yo
 ' all may obey the Truth, and liv
 ' and dye in it: And the man
 ' Sweet and Heavenly Opportunitie
 ' which my Soul hath had with you
 ' is fresh in my Remembrance. And
 ' now, *dear Hearts*, my Body grow
 ' very weak, but my Soul is strong
 ' in the Lord, who hath **greatly**
 ' **renewed the lasting Seal of his**
 ' **Love unto my Soul this Morn**
 ' **ing:** Oh! how could I Sleep
 ' when my Heart was so awakene
 ' unto the blessed Sense of my Ac
 ' quaintance with the Lord, which
 ' founded through my Soul, that my
 ' **Name should not be blotted out**
 ' **of the Book of Life, and of the**
 ' **holy City, the heavenly Jerusalem,**
 ' whose Foundation is full of preci

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ous Stones, and the River of the Water of Life flows, where the Gates are not shut all Day, neither is any Night there: Which, when my Soul heard, my Heart was dissolved and broken within me, and my Head was as it were turned into Water, and mine Eyes gushed out with Tears, in the Consideration of the endless Love of God to such a poor Creature as I.

‘Now, dear Friends, who are truly near me in the Lord, you know the time of our first Knowledge and Acquaintance, which was a time of Love, and to this Day my Heart is filled with the same towards you; tho’ I am like, as to the outward, to see your Faces no more.

‘Oh Friends! be not ensnared nor entangled with things of this World, nor let your Minds go out of Truth, and so lose the Everlasting Stay and Support of your Souls in the last Day; but rather let go all, and hold fast
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' the Truth, and keep your Hearts
 ' from being over-run with the
 ' World's Spirit; and so will the
 ' Spirit of Truth spring up in you
 ' as a Well to refresh your Souls.

' And all you, whose Hearts are
 ' truly tendered to the Lord, whose
 ' Trials and Exercises are not
 ' few, be not daunted nor discour-
 ' aged, altho' the Enemy may seek
 ' to frighten you with many
 ' Temptations, and would seek
 ' to lead you out of the fellow-
 ' ship with your dying Day;
 ' which Exercise my Soul has some
 ' times passed under. But blessed be
 ' the Lord for ever, the Enemy is
 ' found a Liar; for the Lord has
 ' been pleased to make **this Sick**
 ' **Bed to me better than a King's**
 ' **Palace; and I have great fel-**
 ' **lowship with my last Day;** and
 ' do rejoyce in the Lord, who doth
 ' so sweetly visit me with the glo-
 ' rious Light of his Countenance: It
 ' with me, as it's with one who has
 ' travell'd many weary Journeys

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and at last is come to the sight of
 his desired end; which, when he
 sees, greatly rejoyces in a Sense of
 a further satisfaction which he shall
 after enjoy; even so it is with
 me, who have passed no opportu-
 nity, where I saw the way of Life
 clear and open before me, but
 have been ready Night and Day
 to do the *Will*, and answer the
Requirings of the Lord; and so
 running, as one in a Race, know-
 ing my time that it is but short:
 And blessed be the Lord, **I have**
great Peace and Satisfaction in
this my weak and low Condition
 ; and satisfied, seeing my lot was
 not at this time among you, that
 it is here in this place; and I
 hope it will be well, whether I
Live or Dye.

And so my dear and well-belo-
 ved Friends, dwell in Love one
 with another, walking in the un-
 spotted Life, so shall you grow up
 as pleasant Plants in the Garden
 of the Lord, and the Dew of Life
 will

' will more and more descend upon
 ' you ; and this you will feel from
 ' Day to Day ; and when you shall
 ' come to your latter end, your Re-
 ' ward will be sure with the Lord.

' I have much in my Heart to
 ' wards you, but my strength fail
 ' me ; only this I desire of you
 ' seeing I am like to leave my
 ' Wife and tender Babes with you
 ' (whom I know not whether I shall
 ' see more) great is my Love and
 ' tender Respect to them, for we
 ' have liv'd from the Beginning as
 ' two joyned together by the Lord
 ' who gives Victory over the World
 ' believing, that when I am gone
 ' the Care of my God will be over
 ' them ; and I have been a tender
 ' Father to them, and they been to
 ' me very tender Children, and my
 ' Wife hath been to me, as *Bone of*
 ' *my Bone, and Flesh of my Flesh,* yet
 ' I must leave both her and them
 ' unto the Lord.

• And

‘ And this I would leave with
 you, my dear Brethren and Sisters,
 who have known me from the be-
 ginning, that you esteem of her,
 when I am gone, as one who was
 Wife to him that was made wil-
 ling in his Day, to spend and be
 spent for God’s Truth, and his
 Church’s sake ; and I desire you in
 the Lord Jesus Christ, that my
 dear VVife may meet with no
 Discouragements from you ; she is
 a tender VVoman ; and then you
 will be Encouragers of her. I
 know, when this comes to your
 Hands, there will be no want of
 Sorrow ; but I trust in my God,
 that both my dear VVife and you
 will be so endowed with the Power
 and Presence of the Lord, that if
 you should hear of my going hence,
 that you will conclude, as becomes
 true Christians, **That you must**
come to me, and that I cannot
come to you.

‘ And

' And so my dear Friends, in the
 ' opening free Love of God, which
 ' this Morning my Soul is visitet
 ' withal, I dearly Salute you, de
 ' firing the Lord may be a Hus
 ' band to my dear VVife, and
 ' Father to my Children, and yo
 ' Friends to both.

' And whereas I have never bee
 ' wanting in my Labour and Ser
 ' vice for the Glory of the Lord
 ' and your Good, when with you
 ' and if the Lord yet lengthen m
 ' Days, I trust I shall be as read
 ' and as willing as ever I have been
 ' So conclude in a sweet and living
 ' Sense of that Love which will ne
 ' ver Dye, **My Wife's dear Hus**
 ' **band, my Childrens tender Fa**
 ' **ther, and your own dear Friend**
 ' **and Brother,** in the immortal
 ' Seed of Life, where we are nearl
 ' and dearly related one to another,

Pool, the first of the
 first Month, 1680.

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Thus our dear Friend had a true Sense of his Death ; and this Letter manifests that he was a *True Christian, a Good Husband, a Tender Father, and a Faithful Friend and Brother*; and it was his *dying and last Words* to them, as he said, for he did not live to see his Family and Friends in that Country, to whom he did write, tho' he continued some *VWeeks* after this. And recovering a little strength, was desirous to be at home with his *Wife, and small Children, and Relations in Cornwall*; and in order to it, did *Travel* in much *Weakness* to *Topsham*, and after a few Days rest, he reach'd to *Champet, near Mourton, in Devonshire*, and there he fell into a relapse, and his *VWife* came to him. And the Day before his departure, taking leave of his *VWife*, he said, *Oh ! my dear Wife, come hither to me, and let me take thee in my Arms once more. The Lord will be to thee an Husband, and a Father to our little Children, as thou abidest*

Faithful

Faithful to the Lord. Then after few words more to her, he *prayed* a considerable time; yea, as long as his Life did last, he was *Praising and Magnifying the Lord.* And to his Friend who did visit him a little before his Death, as he lay upon his Bed, he declared how *well* he was with him; that he did give up to the Lord's Requirings, to spend and *time* spent for the Churches sake; and *that* He knew his Time would be but *short* and Labours, Travels and Exercises would have their end, and be no more with many more Heavenly Expectations, in much Tendernefs, with Tears running down his Cheeks; which was a great Comfort to the Friends present.

So he finished his Testimony, and slept with his Fathers, the 15th of the 3d Month, 1680. and is entered into Rest from his Labours, and his VVorks follow him. Aged 70 Years.

Ames Martyn, Born at *East-Acton*,
 in the County of *Middlesex*, in
 the Year 1646. and was Convinced
 of Truth in the Year 1672. He
 was a Man whose Conversation did
 down the Doctrine of Christ Jesus,
 which he Preached, and did Faith-
 fully and Zealously labour to Spread
 the Truth abroad, on which account
 he did travel in *America*, as well as
 in *England*; the first time he went
 to *America*, was in the Year 1682.
 and returned into *England*, in the
 beginning of 1684. and went over
 into *America* a second time, in 1685.
 and returned again in the latter part
 of 1687. after which he continued
 Labouring in the Ministry, accord-
 ing to the Gift of Christ received.
 He was a weakly Man in Body, and
 was taken Sick, when he was abroad
 on a Journey in *Essex*. Being near
 his End, said as followeth. *Good is*
the Lord, Great is his Work which he hath
wrought in the Hearts of his People, to
whom he hath given Power to follow
faithfully in the Regeneration, through
great

great Tribulations, and have made the
 Garments White in the Blood of the
 Lamb, who hath Cleansed and Redeem-
 ed them from the vain Conversation of
 the World: So that the Image of the
 Earthly is done away, and the Image of
 the Heavenly, born. And their Con-
 versation and Treasure is in Heaven,
 and it is their Hearts delight to be there
 also. In which Blessed Work, this
 dear Servant of the Lord, made
 good Progress, even to the finishing
 of his Course with Joy; and he re-
 ceived Witness in himself, that he
 pleased God, to his great Consola-
 tion. In the time of his Sicknes he had
 free access to the Lord, who was pleas-
 ed to give him the Returns of
 divine Love and Life, to the overcom-
 ing of his Heart and Soul, and Con-
 fort of them that were with him. O the
 Heart-breaking Power that attended
 him Night and Day, which caused
 him to sing forth Praises to the Glory
 of his Life. And he often said,
 precious is it to dwell low with the Lord,
 not to aspire too high, but to keep

the low Valley, where the Streams of Life
 flow freely. Again, Oh my dear God,
 how Good art thou to me! Thy Good-
 ness breaks my Heart! My dear Fa-
 ther, I have loved thee ever since I knew
 thee! I have followed thee faithfully ever
 since I did know thy Truth! Thou Bles-
 sed God! Let all that is within me,
 Praise thy Name! Thou hast given me
 a good Reward! Death is Swal-
 lowed up of Life: Thou hast gi-
 ven me Victory over the Grave,
 my Soul longs to be with thee,
 my Sweet Father! With much
 more, even continually Praising the Lord,
 and Rejoycing in his Mercy; Admonish-
 ing Friends who visited him, to live in
 the Life of their Profession: Saying, For
 a Profession without Life, will stand none
 in Stead, when they come to dye. For
 it is a dreadful Condition to see Death
 approaching, and the Terrors of God lye
 upon the Conscience for Disobedience. Oh
 it is a Blessed thing when Death
 approaches, to know Peace and
 Consolation with the Lord, and
 an Answer; Well done. He after-
 ward

ward said, *Oh what a Blessed thing it is to feel Life. Friends, Life is that will make your Hearts glad.* When his Speech was almost gone, those about him could many times hear him say, *My Soul Praises the Lord, my Soul is glad with the Joy.* And so finished this Life in great Peace with the Lord, on the 30th Day of the 8th Month, 1691. at the House of *John Salmon*, of *Bocking* near *Brantry, Essex*; and was buried in Friends Burial-Ground at *Ratclif*, near *London*, the 3d of the 9th Month. Aged 45 Years.

Mary *Mollineux*, VVife of *Henry Mollineux*, late of *Liverpool* *Lancashire*, her Maiden Name was *Southworth*: She was one who in her Childhood was much afflicted with weak Eyes, which made her unfit for the usual Employment of Girls; and being of a large natural Capacity, Quick, and Studiously inclined her Father brought her up to more Learning.

Learning than is commonly bestowed on her Sex; in which she became so good a Proficient, that she well understood the *Latin Tongue*, fluently discoursed in it, and made a considerable Progress also in the *Greek*; wrote several Hands well, and was a good *Arithmetician*; as also to the Study of several useful Arts; and had a good Understanding in Physick and Chirurgery, delighting in the Study of Nature, and to admire the great God of Nature in the various Operations of his Power and Goodness, &c. She was one who lov'd the blessed Truth (and they who walked according to it) from a Child, being early convinced thereof; and not satisfied with a Profession of Religion, but earnest for the Life of it, both in her self and others. Not Proud nor Conceited of her Parts and Learning, but adorned with Humility: Plain and Decent in her Clothes, which she valued for Service, more than Sight: *Lov'd to read the Holy*

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Scriptures. Delighted much in *Scripture*; setting a-part sometime in Day for Retirement. Delighted frequenting Religious Meetings the People called Quakers; and suffered Imprisonment for the same in Lancaster-Castle, in the Year 1660. Afterwards she was Marry'd to *Henry Mollineux*, to whom she was a Loving Wife; an Affectionate Mother to her Children; and a charitable Neighbour, especially such as were in Distress, Sick, or in Affliction, tho' never so poor, giving both Advice and Medicine to them that stood in need; where she was made an Instrument of Good to many. She was Noble in enduring Hardships upon the account of her Husband's Imprisonment, which was several times; and in assisting him, and his fellow-Sufferers, in their Application to Dr. *Stratford*, Bishop of *Chester*, being Imprisoned upon Writ, *De Excommunicatio Capite* for not appearing at the Bishop's Court, but had no Citation, or

Notice given them ; and after her Discourse with the Bishop, he was so favourable, that they were set at Liberty. But afterwards the Priest, that prosecuted them before, threatened them again ; which she having understood, spoke these words, and one took them down in writing, as followeth :

*Even what the hungry Wolf in Field would do
To feeding Lambs, so will the Wretch to you :*

*The cruel Priest, fierce, covetous, unjust,
For Money, not for Souls, doth cark and lust.*

She did write many Poems upon Religious Subjects (which were lately Printed for publick Service) having a Gift that way.

Upon the 8th of the 10th Month, 1695. she was taken with Sickness, under which she continued near a Month ; about nine Days after she was taken Ill, she said, *I am well Content, if the Lord see meet, that he take me away ; for my Pain is great, and I know not what in this World I*

should stay to enjoy, except it be
 Husband, and my little Lads (he
 two Sons) of whom she then said
 I would rather have my Children
 riched with the Fear of the Lord, than
 with all manner of worldly Riches. She
 grew daily weaker, inclining
 Sleepiness, yet would sit up five
 six Hours at a time, towards Eve-
 ing, and Discourse freely, and said
 to her Husband, That she was
 satisfied, that if the Lord took her away
 by that Distemper, she should be Eter-
 nally happy; with more comfort-
 able Expressions, that are not
 down. And that Evening it was
 thought she would have dyed; but
 recovering somewhat, she spoke
 Latin, of being Cloathed hereafter
 whereby they understood that she
 was minding how the Lord would
 Clothe her, when her mortal Clothe
 was put off. Her Husband asked her
 If she had any thing in her Mind
 concerning her Children, or any
 other Thing farther to Communi-
 cate to him? She soon reply'd

Latin

Latin, *Why speakest thou such things?* (as if all temporal Things were out of her Thoughts) *Dost not thou understand me?* He reply'd, Yes very well, she spoke of Spiritual Things; she answered, *Yes; but she had nothing concerning outward Things farther to say.* The next Morning, her Breath being short, her Husband expecting her Departure, expressed to Friends present, somewhat of his Concern for her, she said to him, *Ne nimis sollicitus esto: Be not thou over-much careful, or troubled.* When Company was present, she sometimes spoke in Latin, when she intended it only to her Husband; after, being asked how she did? her answer was, *Drawing nearer and nearer;* with many other sweet and good Sentences; and so departed without any Noise, Sigh or Groan, on the 3d Day of the 11th Month, 1695. in the Evening. Aged 44 Years.

Here followeth a Contemplation
M. M. written when a Maid,
 named *Mary Southworth*.

Of the Presence of God.

How Amiable is thy Presence, Lord?
O how desirable thy holy Word!
Tho' as a Fire or Hammer it appear,
To burn or batter down whatever's dear
To sinful flesh and blood: Thy Judgment
Exceeding sweet and pleasant unto me
For Sion's Children are redeem'd there
And purify'd from their Iniquity.
Yea, Everlasting Righteousness brought
Her Converts ransom'd from ensnaring
And thy Salvation is hereby reveal'd
Nearer, and thy great Mercies are unseal'd
When Judgment is brought forth to Victory
That thine may walk with thee in Purity
Ah! teach us daily patiently to wait
In holy Aw, to know this happy State
Confirm'd and Seal'd unto us, that we may
Reign with the Lamb in the eternal Day
Then may we to the Praise of Sion's King
A Song of Judgment and of Mercy sing

M. S.
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Andrew Taylor received Truth in
 the Year 1672. when it pleased
 God to visit many in the Borders of
 England, in Cumberland, in sending
 his Servants to declare the Word of
 Life amongst them ; and thro' his
 Faithfulness, and true Zeal for the
 Lord, he came to be wonderfully
 changed, and did suffer several Im-
 plements for Meeting among the
 Lord's People. A Man Diligent in
 Business, Faithful and Upright among
 Men. His way was, to be better
 than he appeared, so that People
 loved and esteemed him : And after
 several Years, having approved him-
 self Just and Honest towards Men,
 God bestow'd his heavenly Riches
 upon him ; and called him to the
 Work of the Ministry about the
 Year 1679. fitting him for the same,
 so that by him many were Convin-
 ced of the Truth and Right Way
 of the Lord ; not only in his own
 Country where he was best known,
 but in other Parts ; for he travell'd
 diligently in many Parts of this Na-
 tion,

tion, and also in Scotland and Ireland. He was Zealous to Reprove Sin and Careful to Preach the Gospel Freely, his own endeavours sufficiently supplying his Necessities. At last, his Body being much spent thro' his many Labours and Travels, a universal Weakness or Consumption seiz'd him, having little Pain or Sicknes, and so growing weaker and weaker. And, being satisfied that his end drew near, *There continued a Travel upon his Spirit, that the Lord God that had been with him and born him up in many deep Trials and Exercises, would accept of him in his Rest.* And the Friends present were Witnesses of the Hope that he had in his latter end. And a little before he Dyed, he prayed, saying **Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly for now I am ready.** Being filled with heavenly Joy, he departed this Life, the 3d day of the 3d Month 1698. in the 55th Year of his Age and about 19 Years a Preacher of the Gospel.

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Copperthwaite, late Wife
 of Hugh Copperthwaite, of *Flushing* in *Long-Island*; in *America*, was
 Convinced of Truth about the Year
 1652. in the North part of *Old*
England, and continued therein faith-
 ful to the end, a Woman serviceable
 in the Church of Christ in several
 respects, as well by a publick Te-
 stimony to the blessed Truth, which
 she did bear in much Plainness and
 Sincerity; Delighting in the Pro-
 sperity of Truth, and of the People
 of God; and had true Judgment,
when to speak, and when to be silent;
 and did divide between the *Preci-*
ous and the Vile, being tender to
 the *broken-hearted*, but as a Sword
 against that *which was Evil*, and
 which tended to Division in the
 Church of Christ; very desirous that
 the Young Generation might grow
 up in the Life of Truth, as well as
 in the Education thereof. She was
 at times sick several Months before
 she dyed, which she endured with
great Contentedness; often expressing
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the Love of God to her, saying
That she felt his Heavenly Presence
 And in the time of her Sicknes
did bear many faithful Testimonies
the Glory of the worthy Name of God
strengthening and encouraging Friends
in his Work and Service, and against
the Spirit of Separation; for the Lord
had sealed it upon her Heart, that
that which leads out of the Heavenly
Unity, and Brotherly Fellowship, was
a false Spirit, and not of the Father.
 And she did often say, *That such*
could not be Heirs with the true Seed
 and exhorted those about her
 against the Superfluity of the World
 shewing them the ill Consequence thereof.
 And Friends who came to see
 her, she exhorted to Faithfulness, say-
 ing, *There is nothing like it.*

She continued Sensible to the last
 and departed this Life, on the 15th
 of the 10th Month, 1697.

William Wilson, of Longdale-
 Chappel in the County of
Westmoreland, was a Man of an In-
 nocent Life ; and had little of Out-
 ward Learning, and yet God was
 pleased to Teach him Himself,
 and called him to bear a Testimony
 to his Name, and he did it Faith-
 fully ; not only in many Parts of this
 Nation, but in *Germany*, and seve-
 ral times in *Scotland*. A Man of a
 lowly and meek Spirit, Upright and
 Just among his Neighbours, which
 caused them often to commit their
 Matters in Difference to his Arbi-
 tration ; in which he was Careful
 to find out the Truth and Ground
 of things, and would never Coun-
 tenance Deceit ; and in this Service
 he had Success, and seldom miss'd
 his desired end, viz. *To make Peace*.
 Faithful in his Testimony for the
 Truth, and was a Sufferer for the
 same in the Prison at *Kendal*, in the
 Year 1666. and several other times
 afterward, as well as by Distress on
 his Goods. Besides that, he suffer'd
 cruel

cruel Mockings, Stocking, Stoning, Blows and Wounds by Cruel Usage both from Priests and People; particularly at *Eshdale*, in *Cumberland*, because this *W. Wilson* did exhort the People, *to mind that of God in their Conscience, and turn to the holy Light and Law which he had put into their Inward Parts, that by the same they might come to know the Will of God, and do it.* Because of these and such like words, one *Parker*, a Priest, in cruel Rage, did beat and wound him, and with one of his Crutches did break his Head, and caused the Blood to run down his Shoulders; and the Priest being Lame and not able, as he would, to effect his cruel Purpose, caused his Horse to be brought, on which he mounted, and in the sight of the People did brake his Staff in three Pieces upon *William's* bare Head, which made the People cry out against such merciless Work; but before the said *Parker* got home, he was stroke with Sicknes, that he never came

came more to the Steeple-House; and, during the time of his Sickness, he was very *Loathsome, Stinking above the Ground*, and so dyed.

A few Weeks after, the said *W.W.* went to the same place at *Eshdale*, and for speaking a few words to the People, one *Fogo*, Priest, at that time took him by the *Hair of the Head*, pull'd him to the Ground, and drew him out of the Steeple-House; and also in Rage and Cruelty abused his Brother, *Michael Wilson*; but a few Months after, this same *Fogo* riding over some Sands, accompanied with several People, fell into a *Quick Sand*, and was immediately Smothered.

This same *William Wilson* left behind him a Widow, and two Daughters, to whom he was a true Husband, and tender Father; *Instructing his Children to keep in the Fear of the Lord, and to walk in the Way of Truth, which he walked in himself.* Often saying to them, *It would be the best Portion that they could enjoy.*

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His Sicknefs was short, being lately come off a long Journey, where in his Body was much ſpent, and weak. He ſaid, *I have not ſerved the Lord Unfruitfully: I have no trouble upon me: And I am very ſenſible that all is well with me.* And again, he ſaid, *He was content, whatſoever the Lord pleaſed: He was, as a Dove, Harmleſs; and, as a Lamb, innocent.* And again, a few Hours before he dyed, at which time he walked ſeveral times over the Room, he ſaid, as he had often before, *My Peace far exceeds my Pain.* And ſtanding upon his Feet, between two Friends, he ſaid, *Oh that every one would mind the Lord, that they might keep Life.* And then he ſate down, and drew Breath no more.

He deceas'd at his own Houſe, at Longdale-Chappel-Steel, Weſtmoreland, the 10th of the 5th Month, 1682.

Mary Watson, late Wife of Samuel Watson, of the County of York, was one, who for the sake of the blessed Truth, did deny herself, and was made willing to part with those Things which she thought stood in her way ; abhorring all manner of Evil ; and was a tender nursing Mother, Nourishing, Exhorting and Building up the Young in the most holy Faith : Tho' weak in Body, much given to Fasting on Religious Accounts, and giving Alms ; spending much of her time in private Retirement, frequent in Prayer, and Praising the Lord, delighting in Meditations, like *Mary*, that our Lord said, *had chosen that Good Part, Luk. 10. 42. which shall not be taken away from her.* And whilst she had strength of Body, to keep to public Meetings, had a word to speak in season, suitable to the States and Conditions of many, and also was instrumental in the Lords hand, to the keeping things in good Order

der, relating to Church-Affairs. In the time of her weakness of Body, she was sometimes *under Fear of her great Passage from Mortality* but through Travel of Soul, in the living Faith which she received of Christ, the Author of it, she was kept stedfast, and obtained *Victory* which God, in his own time, did manifest to her Soul. And afterwards she made *Acknowledgments of the same* to the Refreshment of others. Several Weeks before her Decease, giving an Account, **That the Work of Redemption was wrought and completed, and all Doubts and Fears were removed ; and now she waited to be Dissolved, and to be with Christ, that Redeemed and Sanctified her : So that as a wise Virgin, she was prepared to enter into Eternal Joy ; and she was filled with Praises, while she had any Strength remained in her Vitals ; and her Eye was to that heavenly Family, out of all the Families of the Earth, where she gladly desired to be** rejoicing

rejoycing with her dear Children and Relations gone before (as often her Expression was.)

And she had a tender regard to her Off-spring left behind, that they might through the Grace of God be Gathered to Christ Jesus the Heavenly Shepherd; with many Heavenly Prayers for them, and her Exhortation to them that were with her, and also for those absent (on her dying-Bed) was, That they might walk humbly before the Lord, their Creator, and watch against all the evil Temptations of this World, the Flesh, and the Vanity and Lusts thereof; that no Pride, vain Glory, or Intemperance, they might be captivated with; but abiding in the holy Fear of God, all Evil would be suppressed and slain upon the Cross; and Humility, Righteousness, and meekness of Spirit, and Holiness should grow up in them, and be not only to them as a comely Garment, but as a never-failing Portion. At last all visible Helps, and outward Enjoyments failing, she had the Lord for her

her Portion, and kept in Possession of that heavenly Treasure in her Soul, and fed upon that Living Bread and Wine of the Kingdom, which she is now in the more full Enjoyment of. She spoke often of her being surrounded with the Glory of the Lamb. And was sensible in her Expressions, to the last few Hours; and said to her Husband, *Love, Pray for me.* So gave up the Ghost in a sweet still manner, on the 2d Day of the 9th Month, 1694.

A young Maid about 19 Years of Age

Grace Watson, Daughter of Samuel Watson, of the County of York, was well inclin'd from her Infancy, being subject to her Parents, and hating a Lye; of latter time given to Retiredness, and much Reading.

In the time of her Sickneſs ſhe had more than ordinary Concern, in a Travel of Spirit, and Combating with the Enemy of her Soul, in which Exerciſe ſhe kept cloſe to the Power of an endless Life inwardly ; but made no great Appearance until the Lord had given her Victory over the Enemy of her Soul, and delivered her from his ſecret Temptations ; and having paſſed thorow the Miniſtration of Judgment, her Enemy, the Crooked Serpent (as ſhe expreſſed her ſelf) was driven far from her Dwelling, ſo that nothing did hinder her Refreshments, and the Well ſpringing up, her Joy was great, and thro' her Experience ſhe did ſing the Song of *Moses* and the Song of the *Lamb*, in a Spiritual Triumph with Humiliation and Brokenneſs of Spirit. And ſhe did ſpeak ſeaſonably and diſtinctly concerning the Wiles of the Devil, who, ſhe ſaid, had laid his Snares in *Trades, Dealings, and Converſation in the World,*

World, and also in *Families*, &
 And though, according to common
 Prudence, one would have advised
 her to Silence, her weakness of Body
 consider'd, yet she was so full, and
 had such constraint upon her, that
 words flow'd from her a long time
 in great Sweetness and heavenly
 Refreshment; insomuch that those
 with her were humbled before the
 Lord, in the Sense of his Presence
 which caused many Tears.

And as any came into her Chamber,
 whether her Friends (called *Quakers*)
 or others, she had a suitable
 Testimony, as if she had felt
 Weakness of Body; so that much
 was spoken which was not taken
 down: Some of that which was
 taken, is as followeth:

O heavenly Father, what hast thou
 done for me this Night! How
 thou removed the Crooked Serpent!
 not only removed him, but taken
 quite away, so that I can say truly
 O heavenly Father, thy will be done
 Thou hast shone in upon me with
 marvellous

marvellous Light : Thou hast shew'd me
the Glory of thy House, the most Glorious
Place that ever my Eyes beheld : Nei-
ther did I think thou hadst such a
Place for any, much less for me, a
poor Worm, a Pelican, once rea-
dy to think my self destitute.

Again, But now hath the Lord ta-
ken me up ; he hath removed the Crook-
ed Serpent, so that I can say, I defy him,
I defy him.

And further said to the Lord, If
thou require my Life this Night of me,
I freely give it unto thee. O heavenly
Father, Thy will be done ; and if thou
hast further Work for me, keep me in
that which I now enjoy ; for there will
my greatest Care be ; meaning to be
kept therein.

And she said, Thou hast made my
Cup to run over, over, over. O hea-
venly Father, Thou hast taken away all
my Pain : I am as if I ailed nothing,
that of my self I could do nothing,
scarce move one of my Fingers ; my
Tongue being ready to cleave to the
Roof of my Mouth : But thou hast been a
Light

Light to my Feet, and a Lanthorn
 my Path: How can I cease Praise
 Thee? Thou God of Power, Thou
 more unto me, than Corn, Wine
 Oyl. Thy Love is sweeter to my
 than the Honey, or the Honey-C
 O! it is more to be valued, than
 Costly Pearls, and the Rich Ri
 The Gold of Ophir is not to be
 pared unto it: O blessed, O praised
 magnified be Thou for ever.

If she was ask'd how she did,
 reply was, *I am but weak of*
but strong in the Lord, and in the P
of his Might.

Once she was questioning for
 thing, but she check'd her self,
 do I so? My Case is no doubting one
 Lord hath created a clean Heart,
 renewed a right Spirit within me;
that all Fears and Doubts are
ken away: For she added,
Gates are open, and the Ang
are ready to receive me into
Bosom of my heavenly Father
where I shall sing Praises to
his Redeemed Ones.

It was not perceived in all the time of her Sickness, that she desired to Live : But many times said, as above, *If thou require my Life this Night, it is freely given to Thee, O Lord : Do with me what Thou plearest : O my heavenly Father, Thy will be done : What hast Thou done for me, poor Sinner, in Comparison of many ! Thou hast made my Bed : Thou hast taken away my Pain : And my Sickness is gone : And so lay all that Day, with many other Times, in this Frame of Spirit.*

And she said, *The Lord had a People in this City, and other Parts, that he will take to himself, and Crown with Glory and Honour : And she exhorted those present, To prize their Time, and not to give themselves too much to the Things of this World. How many (said she) have laid up great Riches, earthly Treasure, and in one Night have been deprived of all, &c.*

Her Sister Weeping by her, she said, *Weep not, remember David, and be Comforted ; the Tongue of Men and*

and Angels cannot declare the wonderful Greatness of God. O heavenly Father ! how sensible of Thee hast Thou made me ? Thou hast strengthened me otherwise I should not have been able to speak so much of Thee ! With Thee are Fulness of Joy, and at thy right Hand are Rivers of Pleasure for evermore.

And she did speak of the Parable of the Ten Virgins ; Oh ! therefore (said she) keep upon your Watch Tower, that whether he come at Midnight, or Cock-crow, or Dawning of Day, be ready, for that is the Wedding Chamber indeed, and (he is) the heavenly Bridegroom.

Speaking of her Parents (and Relations) whom she said, was near unto her, as the Flesh to the Bone and taking her Sister by the Hand said, Tho' we be separated outwardly, we shall meet in the Kingdom of Glory. Oh ! (said she) what cause have I to bless the Lord on their behalf, who I am sure never Countenanced any Error in any of us, but Reproved it. These words of my dear and tender Mother

*do remember since I was but ten Years
 of Age, who said, she had fought
 the good fight of Faith, and the
 Crown of Glor^y was laid up for
 her. These words having remained
 upon my Mind, and taken deep Impres-
 sion upon me, I can now say, I
 finish my Course with Joy, and
 shall receive the Crown of Glor^y.
 And she said, That the Lord was a
 God at hand in six Troubles, and in
 seven, nay, if thou bring me to the
 eighth, thou wilt never leave me : Such
 was her Confidence in the Lord :
 And so departed this Life, in Lon-
 don, the 20th of the 6th Month,
 1638. Aged 19 Years and 9 Months.*

*George Harrison, of the Parish of
 Killington, in the County of
 Westmoreland; came of a Family of
 Note in the World, and under-
 went some Hardship from his Re-
 lations, upon the account of Truth,
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which he received in the Year 16
and soon after travell'd in the
vice of the Gospel, in many Co
ties of *England*, through great A
ctions, Sufferings, and Persecut
from those who were high in P
fession of Religion in that Day.

He was an Able Minister of J
Christ, and Valiant for the Lo
and when he came unto a Meet
of Professors, he would challeng
them the Order of the true Chu
according to 1 Cor. 14. 30. wh
is, *If any thing be revealed to any
that sitteth by, let the first hold
Peace.* In the latter part of his
he went Southward, and came
Edmund's-Bury, Suffolk, and declar
Truth through the Streets of
Town; afterwards went to an
there, desiring some Refreshment
his Money, *but they would not
ertain him*; so he went to *B
field-Manger*, and set up his Ho
in an Inn, and call'd for someth
to Eat and Drink; but they p
ceiving by his Language that

was a Quaker, refused also to entertain him, and led his Horse out of the Stable; for which Cruelty he quickly returned to them, in the words of Christ, *Mat. 25. 43. viz. I was a Stranger, and ye took me not in:* So that this Innocent young Man was obliged to ride abroad all Night, and it being a very wet Season, and he having been tenderly brought up, took a great Cold; so he went to *Haveril*, a Town between *Suffolk* and *Essex*, where the People did grievously beat him for his Testimony to the Truth; which Hardship, with the great Cold that he had received, by being forced abroad all Night, without Food, did greatly injure his Health, and put him in a Fever; after which, with difficulty, he got to *Coggeshall*, in *Essex*, and was kindly received by *Robert Ludgater*, and after he removed to the House of *Thomas Creek*, of *Little-Coggeshall*, a Mile further. And during his Sickness, he did feel the Love and Peace of God to be done him; and did say to the Friends

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with him, *Come Friends, rejoyce in me*: And so lay Praising God to the last Hour. He dyed at the House Thomas Creek, abovesaid, aged about 26 Years; and was buried in the Orchard of Thomas Sparrow, Tanner in Stisted, Essex, the latter end of the 5th Month, 1656.

Elizabeth Barker, late Wife of John Barker, Merchant in Tower-street, London, being Sick, a Friend went to visit her; when she understood that he was below, she caused those present to withdraw, and fetched for him up; who asking, how she did? She Wept, and said, *I am a poor weak Woman; and I have promised to the Lord, that if I am to dye of this Sickness, he would let me know it; I do not see it yet, tho' I am old enough to expect it.* And she expressed much concern for her three Children, she should be taken away. The Friend answered, It was true, that C

men are very near to tender Parents, but we ought to be resign'd, and commit them to God, who gave them to us; and besides, if she should Dye, their Grand-father and Grand-mother *Barker* were not only able, but willing to take care of them.

Upon which she seem'd somewhat satisfied, and after a space of silence, she said, *It is Assurance of my Peace with God, that I do earnestly desire :* And further said, *For these two Years past, God has been at work in my Heart, and I endeavoured to answer his Will, and have deny'd my self of some things, but I have had a care not to do it in imitation of others, but from a Conviction in my own Conscience ; and I hope, if I live, I shall be Faithful to God :* And said moreover, *And to keep those Covenants that I have made with God.*— And after some space, she said, *Oh the Presence of God ! it is that which my Soul desires to enjoy ; — God has been good to me many times ; for when I have been alone at home, as well as in Meetings, the Lord*

has broken in upon my Heart ; and when I have been troubled, and exercised my Mind, I have gone in secret, and prayed to the Lord, and I know he has heard me, and several times answered my Prayer, not only for my self, but for my Children also ; and particularly she mentioned one time, when one of her Children was in Appearance near to Death ; said she, bowed my Soul before the Lord, with earnest Cries to him for my Child, and the Child fell into a Sleep, and awaked much better, even before she took any Medicines.

After some pause again, she asked the Friend who was with her, What his thoughts were concerning her Recovery ? To which he reply'd, He had little to say to that ; and desired her to keep her Mind fixed upon the Lord, whom she did acknowledge had mercifully visited her, and she would find him still to extend his Mercy and Favour to her, with his good Presence, which was the most

common

comfortable support upon a sick Bed:
 She reply'd, *God has been with me in
 this Sickness, but I want more of his
 Presence*: She added, *In the first of
 my Sickness, and before at times, I used
 to be terrified with the Thoughts of
 Death; but now it is not so, I am not
 afraid of Death; that fear is taken
 away: For yesterday they thought I was
 dying, and they were in a great hurry
 about me, but I was not so in my self,
 for I felt great Sweetness and Stilness
 upon my Mind: And afterwards she
 said, I don't find that the Lord doth lay
 any thing to my Charge.*

And speaking concerning her
 Child, which she then lay-in of,
 that she had much desired a Son, she
 said, *When I was last Year in York-
 shire, God did many times visit my
 Soul, and I had large Enjoyments of
 him: And one time praying to him, I
 frequently asked the Lord to give me a
 Son; and now God has answered me in
 my Request, my desire is (which she
 spoke with much Concern). that
 when he is grown up, he may be a*

Preacher of Righteousness. She spoke upon several things, which is omitted, for she had a clear Understanding, and was in a right Mind and Frame of Spirit. —

Another time the same Person visiting her, she desired all in the Room might be still, and she waited in much Retiredness of Mind, secretly Breathing to the Lord in her Heart, and the Friend prayed with her, with whom she heartily joyned. Upon his leaving her, she said, *It has been a good time, I have many Visitors, but too few of this kind: I have felt the Lord's Presence, but he will quickly goe again: I have not so much of these sweet Enjoyments as I desire.* After some more that passed, he asked her, If she desired to speak with any particular Friend in the City, and he would acquaint them with it? She answered, *I have no desire, I am easie in my Mind.*

About three Days before her Departure, when it was thought she was Dying, the same Friend being

But for, she told him, That she was willing to dye, if it was the Will of God; and gave him account of the Concern she had upon her Mind, for a Relation who was lately to visit her, whose Sister had married one that was not called a Quaker; and, said she, I entreated her not to do the like; also I prayed her to teach her, that she would not suffer it to be; and I desired her not to forsake the Truth, and God would never forsake her; and (said she) they both Wept; and when she comes again, I will endeavour to make her promise me, not to marry one that is not a Friend: The Person reply'd, But then she must also keep her Promise; to which she earnestly answered, Ah! so she must. The rest that she said at that time, is omitted; only that she had a great desire to have spoken to the other Sister which is marry'd, but she said, she was in the Country.

Her Father and Mother, Barker, coming to visit her, found her in a heavenly Frame of Mind, and she said, O Mother, thou knowest that I

have been afraid of Death; and I have loved vain and foolish Things; I have prayed to the Lord to forgive all my Sins: And now, instead of the Fear of Death, there is much Sweetness upon my Soul; and all those vain Things I once loved, I now loath; and all the World is nothing to me; with much more, expressing her Satisfaction and Peace of Conscience; and spoke of the exceeding Joy and Comfort that she felt in the Presence of God to her Soul; and she made heavenly Melody to God in her Heart; which did tenderly affect the Hearts of those present.

Her Sickness increasing, she grew weaker; and tho' sometime before she did not see that she should Die, yet afterwards was satisfied concerning her Departure; and in order thereunto, did bequeath several things to her Relations and Children; and gave Directions concerning the ordering of her Children and Family, and where she would be buried; and she did receive Assurance of her future Happiness.

For a few Hours before her
 Decease, the said Friend coming to
 visit her, found her very much spent,
 and her Kindred and Relations mourn-
 ing about her; he prayed, desiring
 that all might submit their Wills to the
 Will of God, who giveth and taketh away
 as he pleaseth. A considerable time af-
 ter he was gone, lying very still,
 she said, *The Voice said, Submit, sub-
 mit; and I say, I have submitted, I
 have submitted;* or to the same ef-
 fect. When these Words were
 spoken, a Relation present said,
 Thou art going to leave us; she
 reply'd, *I shall be happy.* And she
 also in the time of her Sickness saw
 a Vision, of the Difficulty of her
 Passage out of this World, and of
 the Felicity of the Place she at last
 arrived at; the particular Relation
 thereof I shall not now relate. She
 peaceably ended her Days, the 6th of
 the 3d Month, 1701. Aged 28 Years.

John

John Crook, was Born Anno 1617, he received the blessed Truth, as testified of by the People called *Quakers*, at its first being preached in *Bedfordshire*, which was about the Year 1654. He was a Man of Note in that County, having been a Justice of the Peace. And the Lord by his Spirit made him an able Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; he had great Discoveries in the Mysteries of the Gospel, was Sound in Doctrine, and a skilful Archer, hitting the Mark.

In former Years, when he was out of Prison, he laboured much in publishing the Gospel, and many were the Seals of his Ministry. And as he had received a part of the Ministry, so also he had a share of Sufferings, for his faithful Testimony, being imprisoned in divers places, as, *London*, *Huntingdon*, *Ailesbury* and *Ipswich*; and as he seal'd to the Truth by Sufferings, so he was Careful to Adorn the same by Conversation, and had regard to the Power

Power of Godliness, in Life and Doctrine, above dead Forms, and to the Spirit above the Letter, yet highly esteemed the holy Scriptures, with respect to the Sacred Doctrine thereof, being well read therein, and devoted for the Faith and Practice thereof, as the Lord gave him Understanding.

He was Eloquent, Allegorical and Mystrious, many times in his Ministry, but did not thereby deny or invalidate the History of Christ, &c. as Recorded in the holy Scriptures.

The Mystery of Christ in Spirit, and as revealed and formed in true Believers, and their sincere Conformity to him, in Spirit and Conversation, *he greatly esteemed; desiring Professors of Christianity might come into the true Sense and Experience thereof, by a true living and feeling Faith in Christ, and sincere Obedience to him.*

He

He spent his former Years mostly in and about *Bedfordshire*, and the Counties adjacent ; and his latter Years in *Hertfordshire*, being often disabled from travelling far, by reason of several Infirmities of Body, as, the *Gout*, *Collick* and *Stone* ; so

that he would say (with Psal. 129. *Israel*) *I have been Afflicted from my Youth.*

And under the Sorrow and Grief that he had with some of his Children, he would sometimes, in a tender Frame of Spirit, Comfort himself in the words of *David*, viz. *Altho' my House be not so with God, he hath made with me an Everlasting Covenant, order'd in all Things, and sure,* 2 Sam. 23. 5. and said, *That the Lord did remember the Kindness of his Youth.*

His *Patience* under his Bodily Infirmities was very remarkable, and as a good Christian he made the best use of them, saying, *That the Furnace of Affliction was of good use to purge away the Dross and earthly Part in us : And that did he not feel and witness*

an inward Power from the Lord, to support him, he could not subsist under his Pains, they were so great; especially that of the Stone, which continued with him to his end; yet he was not remembered to have uttered an unsavory word, or impatiently to cry out; and when the extremity of his Pains were over, he would express his inward Joy and Peace that he had with the Lord.

He would many times say, That many of our Ancient Friends were gone to their Long Home, and we are making haste after them; Thus (said he) they step away before me, and leave me behind, and I that would go, cannot; well, it will be my turn soon; in which he seem'd to rejoyce: He finished his Course the 26th Day of the 2d Month, 1699. in the 82d Year of his Age. And was buried at Friends Burial-Ground in Sewel, Bedfordshire.

*Of a Young Woman about Twenty Years
of Age.*

Sarah Beckwith, Daughter of *Mar-
maduke Beckwith*, of *Audbrough*,
near *Masham* in *Yorkshire*, was from
a Child Sober and Grave in her De-
portment, not addicted to light and
needless words; but behaved her self
as one that was watchful, lest she
should offend the Lord, or be an
evil Example unto others. She was
Obedient to her Parents, and ten-
derly Affectionate unto others. One
sincerely devoted to serve the Lord,
and seek his Kingdom, and the Right-
teousness thereof. She sought Re-
tirement, and when her Business was
over, would walk alone in the Fields,
and other places, where she did seek the
Lord; and would sing Praises to him,
when she thought no Body did see or
hear her.

She in her Sickness was much
troubled with shortness of Breath,
and did often pray to the Lord, to
enable

enable her to Praise him whilst she lived.

About five Days before her Decease, having some ease, she desired to be raised up in her Bed, and did speak largely of the tender Dealings of God with her, desiring those who were young, to prize their Time, not knowing how few their Days might be ; for, said she, many are the Temptations of the Enemy, especially to Youth, presenting length of Days, and perswading them, that it is soon enough to trouble themselves with such a Concern, for so he would have perswaded me ; and many ways was I tempted ; which caused such Exercises, that I was brought nigh to Despair ; and I sought the Lord Night and Day, no Ear heard me, but the Lord alone, who heard my Call, and afterwards gave me some Comfortable Assurance of my Salvation : But the Enemy hath been very busy, and has sorely hurried me since I began with this Illness. Afterwards she prayed, O Lord, give me full Assurance of my Salvation, before I depart hence !

hence! O Lord, let not my Dis-
temper overcome my Senses,
till I come to a full Injournment!
I pray Thee, let not my Desires
cease, till Thou answer the De-
sires of my Heart; and let no-
thing quench thy Love. And the
Lord answered her Cries, and cau-
sed her Cup to overflow, so that
she sung heavenly Praises to the
God of her Salvation. She gave
tender Advice to her Sisters, and
desired them to Love and Fear the
Lord above all, and keep in the Truth;
saying, O press after it, to feel the
working of it in your own Hearts; and
when you are in it, keep in it, and under
the Government of it; and heed not to
deck your selves, but be meek and low:
None ought to Pride themselves in any
Endowment, either Beauty or any other
thing, because it is not theirs, but the
Lord's who gave it them, and can take
it away when he pleaseth; saying,
What is all now to me? She also
spoke of the Condition of some,
who were grown Careless, and were gotten

into

to Liberty, such were ill Examples to those that are coming up. And said, there were many who professed Truth, that knew little what Truth is: So she said, It did not consist only in coming to Meetings, and wearing plain Apparel, and the like, unless they came to feel the Operation of Truth in their own Hearts; for all such Outward Appearances will stand in no stead, without the Love of God be Inwardly felt and enjoy'd. It is an easie thing to come to Meetings; and some are ready to think that doing so, and behaving themselves soberly, is sufficient; but the Lord seeth at all times, and he will have no such Mockery. **I bless God, I have not been Guilty of seeming what I was not.**

Her love was great to faithful Friends, and much desired their Company, and wonderfully prized the Love and Mercies of God; saying, It is not for my deserts, for I had nothing to engage the Lord with, but it is his free Love to me: And she said, There was Man's Righteousness, and

and the Righteousness of God; but Man's
 Righteousness must be rent off, and Man
 covered with the Righteousness of Christ
 Jesus, who said, I lead in the Way
 of Righteousness, in the midst of
 the Paths of Judgment, that I may
 cause those that Love me to In-
 herit Substance: And speaking of the
 Way of Truth, she said it was a
 strait and narrow Way, and not to be
 kept in without a daily Watch, with
 more; she said, But altho' a strait
 Way, yet it is a pleasant Path, and
 delightful: Oh! here is Peace in
 abundance: It is so sweet, I could
 delight always to enjoy it, and to live
 therein; Gold is not worthy to be com-
 pared to it; and thus continued
 taken up with heavenly Thoughts,
 saying, Lord! give me fully to drink
 of the Well of Water that is within the
 Gate, for thou hast raised my Heart,
 and I am overcome with thy Love: O!
 I long, I long. **O Lord! open thou**
the Windows of Heaven, and
pour of Thy Blessings into
my Soul, until there be no
room

soon to receive, that I may
bless and praise thy Name.

Her end drawing nearer, she pray-
ed the Lord to give her an easie
passage; and taking her leave of her
sister *Hannah*, said, *If she was worse,*
me should call; and taking her by the
hand, said, *Dear Sister, thou hast been*
near and dear to me, and careful of me,
the Lord requite thee, and be near to thee,
when thou com'st to lye on thy dying-Bed.
So near Morning, her Distemper grow-
ing upon her, she said, **I am as sen-**
sible as any of you, and I am well
content to Dye: I have no doubt
of my Salvation; with many more
good Expressions, which could not
perfectly be understood, her Voice
being low; but sensible to the last,
saying, within a very little time of
drawing her last Breath, **Lord, take**
me away; Lord, take me away:
And presently after gently and com-
fortably passed out of this World, to
live for ever in the World which
hath no end. She departed this Life
the 24th of the 9th Month, 1691.

John

John Burnyeat, was Born in the Parish of *Lows-water*, in the County of *Cumberland*, about the Year 1631. And when it pleased God to send his Faithful Servant, *George Fox* with other of the Messengers of the Gospel of Peace and Salvation, to Proclaim the Day of the Lord in the County of *Cumberland*, and North Parts of *England*, this dear Servant of Christ, was one that received their Testimony, which was in the Year 1653. when he was about twenty two Years of Age: And thro' his waiting in the Light of Christ Jesus, unto which he was turned, he was brought into *deep Judgment*, and *great Tribulation of Soul*, such as he had not known in all his Profession of Religion; and by this Light of Christ, was manifested all the reprov'd Things; and so he came to see the Body of Death, and Power of Sin which had reigned in him, and felt the Guilt thereof upon his Conscience, so that he did possess the Sins of his Youth: **Then**, said he, **I sate that**

hat I had need of a Saviour to
 have from Sin, as well as the
 Blood of a sacrificed Christ to blot
 out Sin, and Faith in his Name,
 for the Remission of Sins; and so
 being given up to bear the Indignation of
 the Lord, because of Sin, and wait till the
 Indignation should be over, and the Lord in
 Mercy would blot out the Guilt that re-
 mained (which was the Cause of Wrath)
 and sprinkle my Heart from an evil Con-
 science, and wash our Bodies with pure Wa-
 ter, that we might draw near to him with
 a true Heart, in the full Assurance of Faith,
 as the Christians of old did, Heb. 10. 22.
 Thus did this Servant of the Lord,
 with many more in the beginning,
 receive the Truth (as more at large
 may be seen in the Journal of his
 Life) in much Fear and Trembling,
 meeting often together, and seeking
 the Lord Night and Day, until the
 Promises of the Lord came to be
 fulfilled, spoken of by the Prophet
 Isaiah, Chap. 42. 7. & 49. 9. & 61. 3.
 and some taste of the Oil of Joy
 came to be witnessed, and a heaven-
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ly Gladness extended into the Hearts of many, who in the Joy of their Souls, broke forth in Praises unto the Lord, so that the Tongue of the Dumb (which Christ the Healer of our Infirmities did unloose) *began to speak, and utter the wonderful Things of God.* And great was the Dread and Glory of that Power, that one Meeting after another, was graciously and richly manifested amongst them, to the breaking and melting many Hearts before the Lord. Thus being taught of the Lord, according to *Isa. 54. 13. John 6. 45.* they became able Ministers of the Gospel, *and Instructors of the Ignorant in the Way of Truth, as this our Friend was one; who after four Years waiting, mostly in Silence, before he did appear in a publick Testimony:* Which was in the Year 1657. being at first concerned to go to divers publick Places of Worship, Reproving both Priests and People for their Deadness and Formality of Worship; for which he endured sore Beating

ating with their Staves and Bibles, &c. and Imprisonment also in Carlisle-Gaol, where he suffer'd 23 Weeks Imprisonment for speaking against one Priest Denton at Briggham: After he was at Liberty, he went into Scotland, in the Year 1658. where he spent 3 Months, travelling both North and West: His Work was to call People to Repentance from their Lifeless Hypocritical Profession and dead Formalities, and to bring them to the true Light of Christ Jesus in their Hearts, that therein they might come to know the Power of God, and the Remission of Sins, &c. And in the Year 1659, he travelled to Ireland, and preached the Truth and true Faith of Jesus in many Parts of that Nation; about the 7th Month, 1660, he met with Robert Lodge, a Minister, concerned in the same Work, with whom he joyned, and they laboured together in that Nation twelve Months in the Work of the Gospel; and return'd to Cumberland the 7th Month, 1660. And in the

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Year 1662, he travell'd to London where he met with G. Fox, R. Herbert, and E. Burroughs; returning home thro' Yorkshire, at Rippon he was committed to Prison, and kept fourteen Weeks, for visiting the Friends, Prisoners there, and exhorting them. After he was discharged of that Imprisonment, he returned home, where he abode, except visiting Friends in adjacent Counties, till the beginning of Summer, 1664. He took Shipping for Ireland, and visited most Meetings in that Nation: And from thence embarked for Barbadoes, in order to his journey into America, which had lain before him four Years past; and from Gallway he arrived at Barbadoes, after seven Weeks Sailing, and stay'd three or four Months there, and had great Service, and much Exercise also, occasioned by the Imaginations of John Parrot, and that fleshly Liberty he had led many into, not only there, but in Virginia, and other Places: From thence he went

went to *Maryland*, about the 2d
 Month, 1665. afterwards to *Virgi-*
a, Labouring in the Work of the
 Gospel, and in the 4th Month, 1666.
 came to *New-York*, so to *Rhoad-Island*,
New-England and *Long-Island*, till
 the 2d Month, 1667. He arrived
 again in *Barbadoes*, and spent that
 Summer there; and in the 7th
 Month of the same Year, arrived at
Milford-haven in *England*, and La-
 bour'd much in the Gospel in this
 Nation, from the time of his Arri-
 val from *America*, till the latter end
 of the Year 1669. that he did spend
 that Winter among Friends in *Ire-*
land, and return'd to *London* in the
 Year 1670. and in the 5th Month em-
 barqued for *Barbadoes* again, in Com-
 pany with *William Simpson*, who dyed
 in Peace with the Lord in that *Island*;
 from thence he went to *New-York*,
Long-Island, *Rhoad-Island* and *New-*
England, and afterwards to *Virginia*
 and *Maryland*, where he met *George*
Fox and several Brethren, just come
 from *Jamaica*; afterwards, having
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spent much time and Labour up and down in *America*, till the 25th of the 2d Month, 1673, they came from the Capes of *Virginia*, and arrived at *Gallway* in *Ireland*, the 24th of the 3d Month, and to the Yearly-Meeting at *London*, in 1674. and from that time he continued in this Nation Labouring among the Churches, until the 8th Month, 1682. he went to *Ireland* again, and tarry'd there till the 6th Month, 1684. then he came into *Cumberland*, and so to *Scotland*, and into the North Parts of *England* again, visiting the Meetings of Friends, and so returned to *Ireland*, the 25th of the first Month, 1685, where he tarry'd till he departed this Life.

In the latter part of his Life he took a Wife in *Ireland*, and hath one Son, who is yet Living; and after the Death of his Wife, he had some Intentions to go for *England*, about the Year 1688: But seeing the Troubles and Wars in *Ireland* coming on, and that many Afflictions

ons would attend Friends in that Nation; and People being possessed with Fears, fled for *England*, but our dear Friend, tho' he had Opportunity, had no Freedom to go; but gave himself up to stay with Friends there, and bear a part of the Sufferings that might attend them; in which time he was a precious Instrument in the Lord's Hand, Able and Skilful in the Ministry, for the Comforting of his People; for he was a *Cheerful Encourager of them, a Dear Friend, and True Brother; a Diligent Overseer, and Tender Father; a Perfect and Upright Man in his Day;* and having been at a *Province-Meeting, at Roseau-Allies*, where he did bear a Living Testimony, to the Comfort of Friends; from thence he went to *Montrath and Balinaskill*, and so to a *Monthly-Meeting at New Garden*; after Meeting he came home with *John Watson*, and feeling himself not well, took his Bed, and was visited with a Fever, and

continued Sick twelve Days, all which time he was preserved in his Senses, and in a sweet Frame of Spirit, did often say, *He was fine at Ease, and Quiet in his Spirit, and the Lord did attend him with his heavenly Power and Presence. To his Comfort, and the Satisfaction of them about him, he said, That he ever loved the Lord, and the Lord loved him from his Youth.*

And so peaceably departed this Life, on the 11th Day of the 7th Month, 1690. and was decently buried at New-Garden, the 14th of the same.

Convinced at the Age of 22 Years.
A Labourer in the Gospel 33
Dyed, Aged ——— 59

Henry

Henry Haydock, of Warrington, in the County of Lancaster, was a faithful Man in Life and Conversation; and walked as becometh the blessed Truth, which he made Profession of.

When he was upon his dying-Bed, and in outward Appearance almost gone, the Lord, who is the God of the Living, did raise him up by his Divine Power, to the admiration of those present, to bear a Living Testimony for him, which was on this wise, viz.

Friends, I was never a publick Preacher, in all my Life; but now, by the Power of God, I am one at my Death, Glory be to God for evermore, who hath the Life and Breath of all Men in his Hand, and can lengthen at his Pleasure; who knows how to dispose of us: Therefore, Friends, be you all Faithful to the Lord, for Great Things will the Lord bring to pass for his People, who are true in their Hearts to the Lord; for such as serve God Faithfully, they shall have a living Re-

ward from him, and their Rest shall be with the Lord Jesus Christ; which Rest my Soul is already entered into, and is set down with God in the Paradise of his Pleasure, taking its Repose with God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, and all the Holy Men of God, since the Foundation of the World; and tho' my Body go down to the Earth, yet my Soul and Spirit shall have its Residence with the Living God in Heaven, where they who are Unfaithful to the Lord, cannot come: For, said he, I was well nigh my last Breath, but the Lord loosed my Tongue, that I might declare of his Goodness. Again, he said, The Lord in my Healthful Days did put his Living Word in my Heart; and though I have been by some looked upon as a stripling, and as one that knew not much of the Things of God; yet my Soul hath had many sweet Seasons and Opportunities. Again, he said, I have a very good Wife, Faithful and Loving to me, and three sweet Children; call them, that I may kiss them before I dye; for my time here will not be long: So they brought

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one of his Daughters to him, he
 said, *Thou art Elizabeth, my youngest
 Daughter; and kissed her many times,
 and said, Silver and Gold I have not
 much to leave thee: Thou hast hitherto
 been a good Child: The Blessings of the
 living God rest upon thee, and the
 Blessing of me, thy dying Father, be
 with thee also: So then he took his
 Son, and said, Thou art Roger, my
 sweet Son, in thee have I taken great
 Delight; yet now thy Father is about to
 take his last Breath; and that which I
 desire of the Lord, is, that he will Bless
 thee and thy two Sisters, and Bless you
 all, that you may keep up my Name,
 and live as your Father hath done: Tho'
 I have not filled up the number of many
 Years, yet I, thy Father, do witness
 Peace with God; and with that,
 being pretty much spent, said, The
 Lord Bless thee, my Son, and thy two
 Sisters: The Blessing of your Father be
 with you all; and so kissed him many
 times, and let him go: Then called
 for his Daughter Alice, and said,
 Thou art Alice, my first Born, and I*

love thee well, it hath been Real and True; and tho' some Men can shew more, yet I love you all well, and I hope the Lord's Care will be over you, when I am dead and gone; and I believe you will not want. Alice (said he) Kiss me, for thou must never Kiss me more. So clasping her in his Arms, kissed her, and bid her Farewel. And then said, I have now made an end of what lay upon my mind; therefore Everlasting Living Pure Invisible God, into thy Hand of Power I recommend my Soul; and so lay still and quiet till a little before his Departure, when the very Pangs of Death seized on him; then was his Sighings many, yet had the Savour of Life in them; after he lay still and very quiet, Rejoycing in his Spirit, and said, My Soul doth Magnify the Lord; and my Spirit Rejoyceth in God my Saviour, who hath saved me from Sin; But what shall I say to the Rebellious? If they will serve the Devil, they will have a bad Portion in the end. And he said, Tho' there may some of all Perswasions find Salva-

tion,

son, yet that People, in Scorn call'd Quakers, who are really Faithful to God, are satisfied in God, and they know Salvation to their Immortal Souls, having been Redeemed by Jesus Christ, who came to save many. And he prayed for his Brother and Sister, saying, O Lord, thou knowest I have one Brother and Sister, who are not in that Faith, which I am about to lay down my Head in; Lord bring them to it, if it be Thy blessed Will, and Confirm them in the same, that they may Receive that blessed Reward thou hast made my Soul a Witness of. And said, So my Strength now failing, as to my outward Man, I once more Recommend my Soul into Thy hands, Lord Jesus Christ.

He Departed this Life, the 5th Day of the 4th Month, 1688. Aged about 33 Years.

Thomas

T *Thomas Janney*, was Born in *Cheshire*, and received the blessed Truth, at the first Preaching thereof in that County, which was about the Year 1654. and the twenty first Year of his Life; the next Year he received a Gift for the Ministry, Preached the Gospel of Christ freely, and Travell'd into many Parts of *England* and *Ireland*, and had a fervent and sound Testimony for Truth, and his Conversation and Course of Life did accord with his Doctrine.

In the Year 1683. he transported Himself and Family into *Pennsylvania* in *America*, and there settled his Family, where himself staid about 12 Years; and in *Anno* 1695. he came over in Company with his Friend *Griffith*, from *Pennsylvania*, to visit his Brethren in *England*: And after he had staid sometime in *London*, he went into *Cheshire*, in the 6th Month of the same Year, where he had many Relations that are faithful Friends; and though they were

were dear to him, and their Houses might have been his Home, yet he rested little, but did visit the Meetings of Friends, in several Neighbouring Counties. The next Spring he travell'd through several Counties where he had been in former Years, and had a desire to see the Brethren at the Yearly-Meeting in *London*, and was there at that time. Soon after he was taken so ill (having decay'd in his Natural Strength before) that his Recovery was much doubted; and some did Advise him to go out of the City for the Recovery of his Health; after some time, he did Adventure by short Journeys, as, from *London* to *Endfield*, so to *Hartford*, from thence to *Hitchin*, where his Distemper Increasing, he could go no further, having a purpose to go for *Cheshire*. At *Hitchin* he lay a considerable time; at the House of our Friend *William Turner*, and Friends there were Careful and Tender over him; and he having endured much Hardship

ship formerly in the Service of Truth,
 and travelling into several Climates,
 enduring Heats and Colds: His Bo-
 dy was attended with much Pain, so
 that few expected his Recovery; and
 two of his Relations, Friends, came
 from Cheshire to Hitchen, to visit
 him; one of them being with him
 in his Chamber, he said to this ef-
 fect: *Cousin, I am glad that you are
 come; I hardly expect to Recover, so
 as to be able to go into Cheshire. It is
 some Exercise to think of being taken
 away so far from my Home and Family,
 and also from my Friends and Relations,
 in Cheshire. I would gladly have got
 down into Cheshire, but I must be con-
 tent, however it pleases God to order
 it:—Worse things have happened in this
 Life to better Men than I am: I shall be
 missed in America: Friends there were
 troubled when I came away: I have
 laboured Faithfully amongst them: They
 will be grieved at the Tidings of my
 Death: My Family will want me: My
 Care hath been for my Sons, that they
 may be kept in the Fear of God, I have
 been*

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When a good Example to them; I have
a Care upon me, that they may be kept
Humble while they are young, that they
may bend their Necks under the Yoke of
Christ: If I am taken away, I am very
clear in my Spirit; I have answered the
Requirings of God; I have been faith-
ful in my Day; and I have no-
thing that troubles my Spirit;
my Spirit is very clear. And he
also expressed his Concern for his Bre-
thren of the Ministry, especially
the Young, That they might Observe
the Leadings of God's Spirit in their
Ministry; and not lean upon their own
Natural Parts, which (he said) did oc-
casion divers Inconveniences; of which
he spoke particularly in the time of
his Sickness; yet after this, the
Lord answered his desire, that he
recovered, so as to be able to get
down into Cheshire, to his Relations
there, and did get abroad to some
Meetings that Winter, but yet
weakly in Body; and towards the
Spring, made Preparation to have
got home, to his Family in *Pensil-*
vania;

vania; but before the Ship set Sail, his Distemper, which had not left him, returned fore upon him: So he got to his Sisters, near where he was born; his Sister spokè something to him of his Family, but he said little, only these words, *If it be the Will of God, that I be taken away now, I am well content*; which was the most he said in his last Illness, save to a Friend concerning *his Burial*.

He departed in much Quietness of Mind, the 12th of the 12th Month, 1696. and was buried the 15th of the same, in Friends Burying Place in *Cheshire*, aged 63 Years.

Received Truth the 21st Year of his Life.

A publick Minister 42 Years.

Henry

Henry Stout, late of *Hartford*, was
 Born at *Ware*, in the County
 of *Hartford*, in the Year 1631. and
 was Convinced of the Blessed Truth
 by the Ministry of a Woman, in the
 Year 1655. being then about the
 24th Year of his Age; at which
 time some of the People called
 Quakers came into that part of the
 Country; concerning whom he had
 heard evil Reports; and that they
 denied the Scriptures; which had
 prejudiced his Mind against them:
 But it so happened, that there came
 a Woman, called a Quaker, and
 Preached in *Ware-Market*; and af-
 terwards a rude Rabble followed her
 down the Street; and he seeing them,
 followed her also, in Pity towards
 her, and to rescue her from them;
 but she turned into a House, where
 there was a Meeting, and a Man
 was speaking there, called a Quaker,
 unto whom he listened, and heard
 him speak much Scripture, altho'
 he did not name Chapter and Verse,
 at which he wondered, because he
 had

had heard that they deny'd the Scripture; but after he thus lent an Ear, the Woman stood up, and spake, and such a Power did attend her Ministry, that his Spirit was much broken, and Astonishment seized on him; and he saw others also with Paleness of Face, and they shote their Hands: This brought great Fear upon him, lest he should be deceived: Yet was afraid also, that he should offend God, and resist the Day of his Visitation: This brought great Sorrow upon him for a time, he not being able to distinguish; but afterwards, going to another Meeting, he heard another Woman, by whose Preaching his Convincement was increased; and he was so confirmed, that he could set to his Seal, that it was the very Truth which had long been veiled in him; but now, by the preaching of the Gospel was revealed, and could say, *Christ was come, and he looked not for another*; and it was confirmed by the work that was wrought

wrought both within and without ;
 first within, the Eye which had been
 shut, was now opened ; and the Ear
 that had been Deaf, did now hear ;
 and the Mouth of the Dumb could
 speak ; and the Lamē could walk,
 and the Mysteries of the Kingdom
 of God was known, which before
 were in Parables : And he searched
 the Holy Scriptures, and found that
 it was the *good Old Way, tho' New*
to him and others ; and the Scriptures
 were opened by the Spirit that gave
 them forth ; and a Witness for God
 he had in himself, according to the
 scriptures, *John 1. 5, 10. He that*
believes, hath the Witness in himself :
 Then he took up the Cross, and
 denyed himself, and so became a
 muzzling Stock to the World (as the
 Lord's People were in those Days,
 as well as in former Ages) and soon
 after he was moved of the Lord to
 go to the publick Places of Worship,
 to Declare against them, and to
 Preach the Truth : Then Persecu-
 tion and Sufferings soon followed ;
 for

for many and various were the Tryals and Exercises which the Lord's People went through in their Day. He was the first called a Quaker that suffered Imprisonment in *Hartford Gaol*, for the Testimony to the Truth, where his Sufferings were great, the Prison Windows being shut, that he might not have the benefit of *Air*, or the *Light of the Day*. And after he was released of that Imprisonment, he was a Prisoner five times more in that Town of *Hartford*; the last time he was Sentenced for Banishment; and continued a Prisoner near eight Years, to the great Detriment of his Health, being often put in the Common-Gaol; which Tryals the Lord did carry him through with much Patience, Contentedness and Quietness of Mind, being given up to the Will of God.

He was a Serviceable Man in many respects, and willing to do what Offices of Love he could for any: He travell'd pretty much in the Service of Truth

truth in his younger Years, whilst he had Strength of Body; but some time before his Death, Distempers grew, and Weakness increased upon him, which made him incapable of going much from Home.

The last four Months before his Death, he went little abroad, but grew weaker and weaker; the which his Wife perceiving, did much importune him to advise with some Doctor; but he answered her thus: *I should not have thee Confide too much in Doctors, for they will all prove Physicians of no Value to me: I thank God now that Power which in former Ages raised the Dead, and healed all Diseases; and if it is the Will of God, he will restore and heal me; if not, I am satisfied, his Will be done.*

His greatest Infirmary was a stoppage at his Stomach, and shortness of breath, which often brought Faintings upon him; but he bore all with great Patience: And when some friends came to visit him, he told them, *his Weakness was such, that he thought*

thought he should hardly recover it : But however it pleased God to order it, he was fully satisfied : For he had this Testimony, that he had served the Lord with Faithfulness, and with an Upright Heart, to the the best of his Knowledge ; with more to that effect, which cannot be well remembred : And at another time, to a Friend that came to see him, he said, There is none that knows the Vertue and Goodness of Truth, so well as when they draw towards their latter end, when all outward Comforts fail and are leaving of them, and Sickness and Weakness comes upon them. He further said, That he had travelled in the Service of Truth in former Years, when he had Strength of Body ; and the Lord had given him many living Testimonies to bear for his Name ; in all which he was Faithful, and the remembrance of it warmed his Heart at that time ; for he could say, That his Care was, not to speak more than what the Lord gave him to speak, that thereby his Name might be Honoured ; And many times, and upon
several

Several occasions, he so expressed
 himself; as did fully manifest *that true*
satisfaction and Peace which he had with
the Lord; often desiring, **to be dissol-**
ved, that he might go home to his
rest: And the Lord's Love and gen-
 eral Dealing appeared very large to-
 wards him, in giving him many times
 ease of Body, and Comfortable Sea-
 sons of Refreshment; and he gene-
 rally rested well in the Night, till
 about a Week before his Death.
 The Sense of it would often make
 him *break forth into Praises and Thanks-*
giving to the Lord, for his Goodness and
Mercy to him in the Night-Season:
 When he awaked out of his Sleep,
 and when his Sleep was taken from
 him, yet he continued Quiet, Pa-
 tient and *Sensible to the last Moment*:
 And when his Wife saw that he slept
 little, and took little, hardly enough
 to keep him alive, she was full of
 Grief; which he perceiving, said to
 her, *Thou must give me up, for I shall*
not long continue here: But it will not
 be long before thou and I shall meet
 again,

again, in that blessed State, where all Tears shall be wiped from our Eyes: He kept his Bed but four Days; and the Day before his Death, his Children being by him, he said to them, You, who are like to enjoy what I have, I would have you remember the Advice of your Old Father, when I am gone, and live in the Fear of God, and as it becomes the Truth; then you will be as Monuments, when I am gone, and it will go well with you, and what I leave will be a Blessing to you: And beware of Earthly Mindedness, and Pride, and Prodigality, which is a dishonour to any Family; and bring up your Children in Plainness, and not in the Fashions and Superfluities of the World, which passeth away. Remember my Advice, who speak to you in Love; for Wo will be to the Wicked: I would say more to you, but my Strength faileth.

The Day he died, he spake little, but lay as if he slept; but sometimes Fainting Fits would come, that it was thought he would have gone away in one of them: But he did
not,

ot, but fell into a Slumbering;
 and when he awaked, he desired to
 turned on his other side; and
 en he stretched out his Hands and
 et, and said, *Now I am going to the*
ord; which was the last words he
 ke: And so departed in Peace,
 thout so much as a Groan or Sigh.
 Thus he finish'd his Course, and
 d down his Body, the 6th of the
 th Month 1695. and in the 65th
 his Age.

Thomas Aldam of *Warnsworth*
 in *Yorkshire*, Received the glad
 dings of the Gospel of Life and
 lvation very early, (*viz.* in the
 ear 1651.) by the Preaching of
 at Eminent, Faithful Servant of
 rist Jesus, *G. Fox*, soon after *G.*
 was delivered out of the Dun-
 on in *Darby-Prison*, at which
 me this *Thomas Aldam*, *John Killam*,
Thomas Killam, *Richard Earnsworth*,
 G Thomas

Thomas Goodyear, and several others of Note, did receive the Truth and many Sufferings, Beatings, Reproaches, Spoiling of Goods, and Imprisonments, he endur'd for Christ's sake, and the Gospels, being often concerned to go into Market-Places, and Publick Places of Worship, bearing Testimony against the Wickedness of the World, and against such Teachers and Leaders as caused them to Err, thro' Lightness, Pride and Covetousness.

Before he was convinced, he was a great follower of the Priests and Teachers of those times, but his hungry and thirsty Soul not being satisfied amongst them, he left them and waited, as alone, until it pleased the Lord to send his Servant, *G. R.* as aforesaid, into those parts of the Country. And he having received the Truth, was Valiant for the same upon Earth, and gave up his Strength and Substance to serve the Lord. He was very Zealous, and Fervent in Spirit, severe against Evil, but tender

tender to the least Appearance of
that which was Good, watching over
his Children in the Fear of God;
given to Charity, and to do Good
to all.

He was one of the first called a
Quaker, who was Imprisoned in *York-*
Castle upon that account, in the Year
1652. It was for going to *Warns-*
worth-Steeple-House, and speaking to
Thomas Rookbey, Priest of that Place,
who procur'd his Imprisonment at
York, as abovesaid, where he was
kept two Years and six Months, so
close, that he was not suffered once
to come Home, nor see any of his
Children; and sometimes not per-
mitted to see his Wife and Relations
when they went to visit him.

He was also fined during his Im-
prisonment 40 *l.* at the Assize, for
appearing before the Judge with his
Hat on his Head, and speaking *Thee*
and *Thou* to him.

And also, during the aforesaid Im-
prisonment, his Adversary, *Rookbey*,
the Priest, and one *Vincent*, an Im-

proprietor, Sued him at the Law, for Treble Damages, and they made Spoil of his Goods, to the Value of 42 *l.* not leaving one Cow to give Milk for his young Children and Family; thus he suffered for his faithful Testimony to the Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Flesh, and for his free Ministry; at other times also he suffered the Loss of Goods, for his Testimony to the Truth.

And as he had been a Sufferer himself, so he had a tender Sympathy for the Lord's People, his Brethren, who were Sufferers for the Truth; and would go often times to *Oliver Cromwell*, and others, the Rulers in those times, and lay the Sufferings of Friends before them.

And he also travell'd into *Scotland* and *Ireland*, and went to the Chief Rulers there, upon the same account.

And he went to all, or most of the Prisons in *England*, where there were any of the People called *Quakers*, to take a perfect account of their

their Sufferings, that he might be the more capable to Advocate their Cases before the Government, being ready at Assizes, Sessions, or elsewhere, to plead the Cause of God's People.

He had a tender Regard to Love and Unity among Brethren, bearing good esteem in his Mind, for such as laboured in the Gospel.

And when he was about to undertake any Journey upon Truth's Account, he would call his Family together, and in much Humility pour out his Supplication to God to preserve them.

And after thus having serv'd his Generation in Faithfulness, he was visited with Sicknēss, in which time he set his *House in Order*; and in the time of his Weakness, the Lord was good unto him, and eminently appeared with him, so that he said to his Sister, near his latter end, *That he found his Strength so renewed, that he believed he could get to London, if the Lord required it*: But he answered

again, *I am clear of the Blood of all Men: I find nothing to this Man;* meaning King Charles II. (then lately restored to his Kingdom).

He was very Sensible of his latter End: And the Day he dyed, called for his Children, and *Exhorted* them to live in the Fear of God, and to Love and Obey their Mother: And so being freely *Resigned into the Hands of God, his Creator,* departed this Life in the 4th Month, 1660.

His Wife, *Mary Aldam,* survived him but three Months. She was a Woman fearing God, and serv'd him in her Generation; and in all the Exercises which her Husband pass'd through, in those early Days, she never was heard to Grudge or Repine, but was given up in all Things to God's Disposing. Her Remembrance is Sweet, and her Name to be Recorded amongst the Faithful of God's People: She received Truth by the Ministry of *G. Fox,* at the same time her Husband did, and bore Testimony

mony to the same Truth, according to her measure.

He had also two Sisters, faithful Women.

MArgaret Kellam, who was convinced at the same time, (*viz.* 1651.) travelled much in Truth's Service in the Breaking forth thereof, and many were Convinced by her. She also suffered Imprisonment for the same at *Exon, Devon, York, Banbury*: And great was the Courage that did attend her in preaching Truth in the Streets, Markets, and Publick Places of Worship, and to the Rulers of the People; and the Lord was with her. She finished her Course in Faith, signifying, before her departure, the great Peace she enjoyed with the Lord, and the Clearness of Conscience she had before him; And departed this Life in the Year 1672.

Joan Kellam, was also a Woman that truly feared God, and a good Example where she dwelt. She was of sound Judgment, and well Experienced in the Work of the Lord; Zealous for his Honour, and Faithful to the Testimony of Truth; an Incourager of Vertue, and watching over the Young, and an *Instructor of them in the right Way of the Lord*; and could speak a word in due season to an afflicted Soul, having passed through many States, and seen the Wonders and Goodness of the Lord therein; and was as a Mother in *Israel*. In the time of her Sicknes, she was well disposed, and gave good Advice to them she left behind her, that they might *persevere in Faithfulness, to the finishing of that Work, which the Lord had for them to do*. So departed this Life in the Year 1681.

Sarah.

S Arab Brown, Wife of Capt. Brown of Leicestershire, and Mother to Samuel Brown, Physitian, now Living in the Town of Leicester, was one who did, in her Young Years, fervently and sincerely seek the Lord, and frequented the Assemblies of the best sort of People in that Day, call'd *Puritans*; afterwards she joyned her self to the *Baptists*, among whom she walked Inoffensively.

But when it pleased God to raise up his People, call'd *Quakers*, in the Northern Parts of this Nation, and gave some of them Commission to publish the Way of Life and Salvation, she received their Testimony with great Joy and Thankfulness to the Lord, and was a Nursing-Mother among that People. And her Husband, at her Request, gave up his House for Friends to keep Meetings in, (even at the Breaking forth of Truth in that Day) and she counted nothing too dear to part with for Truth's sake; and was a good Example in Conversation, in Temperance,

*rancee, Meekness, and Chastity, to-
wards those with whom she was
Concerned: A true Wife, and a ten-
der Mother, a loving Relation, and
a good Neighbour, and firm Friend.
She had a Word of Comfort in due
season to many, when in Afflictions
she lov'd to visit the Widow and the
Fatherless, the Prisoners, and the House
of Mourning; and to feed the Hungry,
and cloath the Naked, and to wash the
Saints Feet. She suffered Imprison-
ment, and spoiling of Goods, for
the Truth's sake; counting all as
Dross and Dung, that she might win
Christ.*

When Death came, she received
it with Contentedness, being given
up to God's good Will and Pleasure.
She lived to Old Age. A Friend
visiting her, in her last Sickness,
said to her, *The Lord hath sent his
Messenger,* (meaning, that her End
was at hand) She made answer, *He
is come;* desiring the Lord to give
her an easie Passage. She was first
taken Ill in the Night, with a vio-
lent

ent Pain in her Legs; her Son Samuel Brown being presently call'd, she pray'd to the Lord, to mitigate the Violence of her Pain, and to give her Strength to bear his Hand with Patience. Her Son was much grieved for her; which, she perceiving, said Child, do not do so; Rejoyce, and be glad, for thou hast no other Cause; thou wast been a Dutiful and Loving Son to me, even to the full: And the Lord answered her Prayer; and in a short time, took away the Violence of her Pain: And she Praised the Lord, and Blessed his Name, for his Mercies and Goodness. Speaking of his great Mercy and Favour to her, all her Life long; to the great Comfort of her Children about her. And blessed her Son, saying, The Lord bless Thee and Thine, for thy Love and Duty unto me; for I do rejoyce, that thou wast born unto me. Also to her Son's Wife, she said, Daughter, thou didst promise to take care of me, when Weakness should approach; and now thou art as good as thy Word: The Lord bless Thee and Thine, for all

your

your Love to me. And in the Season of the Love of the Lord to her, she prayed ; O Lord, Guide thy poor Handmaid, into thy Everlasting Kingdom where I may sing Hallelujahs to thee for ever.

She gave order, two days before her Departure, (being sick but six days) to be buried at *Leicester*, by her Grand-Children; and so died in a good Old Age, at her Son *Samuel Brown's* at *Leicester*, on the 30th of the Ninth Month, 1693, Aged 83 Years.

W*illiam Walker*, an Inhabitant in *Pensilvania*, born in *Yorkshire*, but Convinced in *Pensilvania*, was one who did bear a Living Testimony to the Truth of God, in the Assemblies of his People. He came over to visit his Friends and Brethren in *England* about the latter end of the Year 1693. in Company with other Friends from those parts, which

which was about the time *G. Keith* came over from *America*. And this our Friend did often express his great Sorrow for *G. K.* and the fore Exercise and Trouble he gave to Friends in *America*, by his Contention and Jangling; and he had a Testimony against that Spirit but a few days before he died, *That God would Judge it.*

After he had visited Friends about *London*, he went into several Counties, and also into *Wales*; and returned to *London*, in order to be at the Yearly Meeting in *London*, 1694. A little before which time, he was taken sick there, and Endeavours was used for his Recovery, but they proved Insuccesful. In the time of his Sicknes, he was often fill'd with the Love and Power of God in his Soul, to the Comfort of those present. Observing some to weep, he said, *Weep not, dear Hearts, lest you trouble me.* Afterwards he said, *O the Goodness of the Lord!* And lifting up his Hands, said, *Lord, Thou art altogether*
able.

able to do Wonderful Things! Thou shalt be my Physitian. — O the Wonders of the Lord! What have I seen of the Transcendent Glory! Tho' I see but a little, yet 'tis admirable Glory. Again, he said, The Old Enemy would have had me let go my hold; but I said, I have an Interest in thee, and I will hold thee Lord. Those about him being desirous he might Recover; he said, Nay, I have no Promise of Life. Speaking of Christ, he said, I cannot see him; his Arm is open to receive me. After some time, he said, The Lord is a Physitian indeed, a Physitian of Value. Another time he said, We must all Double our Diligence. And lying another time, in a still Frame of Mind, did sing forth in sweet Melody; viz. His Compassion fails not, He waits to be Gracious: Oh the Wonders of the Lord! the Wonders of the Lord in the deep! Another time, he said, My Faith is stedfast in the dear Son of God; that although I am under great Weakness and Afflictions, yet in the Strength of my Father's Love, I shall be enabled

enabled to stand against the Mists of
 Darknes: The Enemy would fain un-
 dermine my Faith: God's People are always
 preserved, while they wait still at home.—
 O Lord Jesus Christ! I'll hold thee fast:
 Thy Compassion fails not. O sweet Jesus
 Christ, I have great Cause to hold thee
 fast: O sweeten Death unto me! O thy
 sweet Presence! For in it there is Life:
 O Lord, give me Strength; I will not
 let thee go: Thou hast regard to them
 that fear thee; Thy Compassion fails
 not; Thou art at my right Hand to up-
 hold me, O my Saviour! Thou art at my
 right Hand, to save me; Thy Compassion
 fails not, O Lord. Afterwards he
 said, O Lord Jesus! Come, sweet Jesus,
 I long for thee: Now Death is pleasant.
 His Wife's Sister being by him, he said,
 Fear the Lord God. She said, Would'st
 thou any thing to thy Wife? He an-
 swered, My dear and tender Love, in
 the Lord Jesus, unto her, and to all my
 dear Friends every where; and that you
 may Double your Diligence, to your
 Souls Comfort, the Days you have here.
 My dear Love to our dear Friends in
 America,

America, where I have been sweetly Refreshed, and had many good Meetings among them. After a little Repose, he said, O Fountain of Life! Then stopped, and spoke again; I cast the Care of my dear Wife and Children, if Living, upon the Lord; I trust in him. After some Rest, he said, Lord Jesus Christ, come, receive my poor Soul: Come, O my Soul's Beloved! Come, Lord, I long for thee. **Lord Jesus Christ**; if there be any Iniquity in me, search it out. — Afterwards said, I feel the Angel of thy Presence to surround me: Come, Lord Jesus Christ, Come, come, receive my Soul into thy Bosom. Again, Come, Lord Jesus Christ; let me intreat thee, come away, and receive me out of all Sorrow; Come away, my Lord: After a little time, he said, I feel the Fountain of Life, **my Soul's Beloved is come**. And so Died in Peace with the Lord, as those then present can testify, That he was in a sweet, heavenly Frame of Spirit, when he drew his last Breath; which was on the 12th of the

the Fourth Month, 1694. at the
House of John Padley in Olaves-
Southwark, London.

Of a Child Eleven Years Old.

Ruth Middleton, Daughter of Sa-
muel Middleton, and Rebecca
his Wife, was visited with a Con-
sumption in the 10th Month, 1700.
and continued in much Weakness
of Body, till the 16th of the 5th
Month, 1701. During her Sickness,
these Expressions, as followeth (a-
mong others) were observ'd:

One time, her Mother being much
concerned to part with her, the
Child lying still, as if she was in a
umber, opened her Eyes, and said,
*What's the matter? What's the mat-
ter? My dear Mother, do not be trou-
bled for me, nor don't sorrow for me;
I shall be happy; and it is the Lord's
Will that I am thus afflicted; and we
must be Contented: Thou know'st, that
Abraham*

Abraham was willing to offer up his only Son Isaac; and thou dost not know, if thou couldst freely give me up, but that the Lord might spare me a little longer to thee; and if it be his good Pleasure to take me to himself, his holy Name be Blessed for ever. Another time, her Mother said, *How art thou now?* She said, *But indifferent; but I am well satisfied; for it is the Will of God that I am thus afflicted: — Oh! my dear Mother, I would be glad if thou couldst freely give me up. — One time going to Slumber, she prayed thus; Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done in me, as it is in Heaven: O sweet Lord Jesus, feed me daily with the Bread that cometh down from Heaven: And, Lord, if I stand with thy Will, grant that I may Sleep to refresh this poor needy Body: But thou, Lord, know'st what I stand in need of, better than I can ask; Lord, be with me, and my Father, and Mother, and Brother.*

And she slept, and when awaked,
 e said, O Blessed and Praised be thy
 ly Name ! O Father of Life ! For thou
 st heard my Desires, and hast an-
 ered me ; for I have slept sweetly.
 Another time she said, The Lord said
 his Followers, Suffer little Children to
 me unto me, and forbid them not,
 of such is the Kingdom of Heaven :
 And if I be not Happy, what will
 come of Ungodly Men and Women ?
 truly I am afraid of Offending any
 dy, for fear I should Offend the Lord.
 Another time she said, Pray Mother, have
 strict Eye over my Brother ; for he
 very full of Play. A Friend after
 quiring how she did, said, I hope
 Eye is still to the Lord : Her Re-
 was, Although I can hardly Speak,
 think upon the Lord ; and he knows my
 oughts, and answers them ; with
 more sensible words. Another time,
 said, It will not be long before I
 ll be at Rest and Peace, where there
 no Pain to the Body, nor to the Mind ;
 and where there is nothing but Joy
 evermore. Dear Mother, be willing
 to

to part with me, for I am willing to part with you all: I am not at all concerned for my self, but for thee poor Mother, who doth, and will make thy Bed a Bed of Tears often for me.

Hearing her Mother question her Recovery, she said, Oh! what the Lord pleases, for I am not afraid of Death: I never wronged any Body of a Pin, to my Knowledge; nor loved to make Excuses: I never told a Lye; but once, when I should have said, Yes, I said, No: But that has been a great Trouble to me; but the Lord, I hope will forgive me, for I called the Maid and told her the Truth.

Near her end, she desired to come out of the Country to London, and said, The Air does me no good, nor the Doctor does me no good: The Lord is the same at Home, as here. And when she was removed Home she said, Now I am glad, if I dye, it is better to be here, and will save a great deal of Trouble.

A Friend asked her, if she was willing to leave Father and Mother, and go to the Lord? After some pause, she answered, *If the Lord please, I am willing this very minute to leave all, for I shall be happy.*

The Night before her Departure, after a Friend prayed by her, she said, *I do understand well, and am inwardly Refreshed: I am sorry that I cannot speak that the Friend could hear, else I would give an account of my inward Peace with the Lord.*

A few Hours before her Death, she prayed, but her Voice was very low, *O Lord! with-hold not thy tender mercies from me; at the Hour of Death.*

Lord! let thy loving Kindness continually preserve me. Afterwards said, *I desire to slumber; but if I Dye, before I awake, I desire the Lord may receive my Soul.*

She was thankful for the tender regard her Mother had to her, and with low Voice said, *Farewel, dear Mother,*

ther; in the Love of the Lord, Farewel
And desired to see her Father and
Brother; and feeling for her Bro-
ther's Face, stroaked him, and said
Farewel, be a good Boy.

Her Father asking her how it was
with her? she reply'd, I am just spent
but I am very easie, and shall be very
Happy. My Body is full of Pain, but
the Angel of the Lord is with me, and
**his Presence will for ever pro-
serve me;** and so kissed her Rela-
tions, and bid them all, Farewel.

Her last words were, her Desire to
be remembered to the Friends who did
visit her in her Sickness: And in less
than half a quarter of an Hour, like
a Lamb departed this Life, on the
16th of the 5th Month, 1701. be-
ing 11 Years, 2 Months, and 4 Days
Old.

Alexander

Alexander Jaffray, of Kingswel,
in the North of Scotland, was
Born in the City of Aberdeen, one
who did early remember his Cre-
ator; and as he grew in Years, he
increased in a Religious Concern
towards God, and those whom he
did Esteem, feared him; and joyned,
when young, with the *Presbyterians*,
who' Educated in another Form of
Religion: But sometime after, when
those People got into Rule and Go-
vernment, they forgot their former
low and persecuted Condition, and
grew high, rigid and fierce Persecutors
of others; therefore he soon disli-
ked them, and signified the same to
some of the Chiefest among them,
having been himself one of those
Commissioners, who was deputed by
the Nation of Scotland to Treat on
Articles with King Charles II. then
in Holland, Anno 1650.

After he left the *Presbyterian-Way*,
for sometime he was among the *In-*
dependents, and finding them also to
be for setting up themselves, and
persecuting

persecuting others, he could no longer follow them: After this he remained in private for some Years, a Solitary Mourner, not joyning with any Professions in Religion; not suffering several of his Children to be Sprinkled, or Baptized (as they called it) because he could not own their Way of Constituting of National Churches; and this was long before he was called a *Quaker*. And in this Solitary Retirement, he sought the Lord, waiting for a People who were Spiritually touch'd with a Divine Coal from the Altar, to kindle true and spiritual Sacrifices to God.

And when first he heard that God had raised up such a People in England, who directed all to God's pure Light, Spirit and Grace in their own Hearts, as the most sure Teacher and Leader into all Truth, Worship and Religion; he said, he felt his Heart to leap within him, for Joy; and after weighty Examination, concerning that People, called Quakers, who did

and Preach the Truth among them;
 he found his Heart and Soul united
 to them : This was in the Year 1662.
 a time when it was as bitter a Cross,
 even as Death, to own them, espe-
 cially to one of his Repute; and
 shortly after were several more Men
 of Note, in that Nation, Convin-
 ced of the same Way of Truth; as,
John Swinton, in the South parts,
David Barclay, *Alexander Skein*, *Tho-*
mas Mercer, and others.

This made the Priests, and others,
 persecute them; but they stood
 on their Ground, thro' the Grace of
 God, and did boldly bear their Te-
 stimony; particularly this *Alexander*
Jeffray, valiantly contending for the
 Truth, in solemn Conferences with
 the Bishop of *Aberdeen*, and Chief
 preachers of that City.

He was Faithful in his Testimony
 to the Truth to the last; and in his
 sickly old Age was Imprison'd many
 Miles from his own House, for non-
 payment of Tythes; and this is re-
 markable, that a little before this

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Imprisonment, being near to Death as was judged by all who saw him, signified under his Hand, being altogether unable to speak, by a great Swelling in his Throat, That God had yet a Service for him to do for him, in Suffering for his precious Truth, and that he was not to Dye at that time,

He was taken Sick the latter end of the 4th Month, 1673. and during the twelve Days of his Sicknes, he did give many living Testimonies to the blessed Truth, before many witnesses, both Friends and other People, who did visit him: A few of them are as followeth:

He said, That it was his great Joy and Comfort in that Hour, that ever he had been counted worthy to bear Testimony to, and Suffer for that precious Testimony of Christ Jesus his inward Appearance in the Hearts of the Children of Men, visiting all by his Light Grace and Spirit that convinceth of Sin, and that it was, and would be, the great Judgment and Condemnation of many

this Nation, particularly of the Professors, that they have so slighted and despised, yea, hated the said Light and Testimonies thereunto.

Sometimes being overcome in Spirit, he said, Now Lord, let thy Servant depart in Peace, for mine Eyes spiritually have seen, my Heart hath felt, and feeling, shall for ever feel thy Salvation.

He also prophesied of a great and near Trial, shortly to come, wherein those that were not what they seemed to be, should be discovered, and fall; the Upright and Lowly Ones, the lowly Shrubs should be preserved, when the tall and sturdy Oaks should be overthrown; which is since fulfilled upon us.

He further said, That the Lord had given him the Garments of Praise, and the Head of the Spirit of Heaviness.

Sometimes, when very Sick, he would Bless the Lord, that now fighting with a natural Death, he had not an angry God to deal with. Oh! says he, the Sting of Death is fully gone,

and Death is mine; being Reconciled to me as a sweet Passage, thro' him that loves me: Another time seeing the Candle almost out, he said, *My natural Life near an end, like that Candle, for want of Nourishment, or Matter to entertain it but in this we shall differ, that if it be let alone, that goes out with a Slink and I shall go out with a good Savour Praises to my God for ever.*

A little before his Breath ceased he said, *He had been with his God and had seen deep Things; about which time he was filled with the Power of God in a wonderful Manner, which much affected those present: And in a little time after, he dyed like a Lamb, being the 6th Day of the 5th Month, 1673. Aged 59 Years; and was buried in a piece of Ground, separate, near his own House at King's well, the 8th of the same Month.*

Mary Padley, Wife of John Padley, Timber-Merchant, of *Willesden, Southwark*, a Woman adorn'd with Truth and Innocency, Chaste, upright, and Sincere Hearted; Industrious, yet void of Covetousness; that Vertue did shine forth in her conversation: She was also Charitable to the Poor, Plain in Apparel, Adorning the Truth in her Conversation, punctual in performing her Promise, and in the discharge of any Trust reposed in her. And as she spent her Days in the Fear of God, so the Lord was Gracious to her at her Death: She was taken with Pains of Travail, in Child-bearing, the 6th of the 7th Month, 1695. at which time she said, in much tenderness and fervency of spirit, *My God, and my Father, Deliver me*: And after she was delivered, she praised God for his Mercies towards her: And after, being asked by her Husband, how she did? (finding some unusual Symptoms attend her) she answered, *Weak, but*

well satisfied: And as a Confirmation thereof, broke forth into *sweet Praise to the Lord*. And died, leaving behind her 4 Young Children, Aged about 28 Years.

Charles Marshall was born in Bristol, in the Year 1637. and was Religiously Educated by his Parents in the *Independent Way*. In his tender Years he had inward Desires after the Knowledge of God. And after he had continued some Years amongst them, and also the *Baptists*, he grew more and more dissatisfied with the Empty and Lifeless Profession of those amongst whom he walked. He spent much time in Retirement alone in the Fields, under a Sense of his State and Condition, crying unto the Lord, and seeking after his Saving Knowledge; in which State he continued, until it pleased God to send to that City, his

Faithful Servant *John Audland*
 com out of the North of *England*,
 whose Powerful Ministry he was
 turned to the Light of Christ Jesus
 his own Heart; which had before
 discovered his State and Condition
 to him: And after he came to
 turn in his Mind to the Light of the
 Lord, and was thereby and therein
 designed, he came to witness God's
 Power, Love and Life, to break
 upon him; and after manifold Ex-
 cises and Troubles, was raised up
 Powerful Minister of Christ Jesus,
 and an Instrument in God's Hand to
 turn many to Righteousness.

He was moved in the Year 1670.
 to go through the Nation of *England*,
 and visit God's Heritage; which he
 did within the compass of one Year.
 And altho' it was then a time of great
 persecution, yet in all his Passage,
 through Cities, Towns, and all the
 Counties of the Land, no Man was
 offered to lay hands on him, or
 stop his way.

He continued a faithful Minister and laboured much in the Gospel to the time of his Sickness, which lasted several Months; in all which time, great Patience and Meekness appeared in him, although under great Weakness and Affliction of Body. He had some Sight and Knowledge of his End; for a little time before he was taken Ill, he earnestly pressed a particular Friend of his to Ride out of Town with him, having something of Moment to impart unto him; and when they were a few Miles from London, he said amongst other things, That he *was satisfied his Departure drew near, and therefore had a desire to Discourse with him about some particular things, before he died.* And when he was taken Ill, he sent for the same Friend, and told him, *Now he was satisfied he should go abroad no more; although in his first Illness there was no such appearance to others, which the said Friend told him; but whatsoever he said, to take him off of such Thoughts,* had

ad no Impression upon him; he continued fixed in his Mind, that he should be of that Illness. Several of his Friends pressed him to go into the Country; but he desired only to go to John Padley's, a Friend that dwelt near the River-side, which he much liked; at his first going thither, he was a little better, but soon altered again. He lay Ill there about three Months, under great Weakness; several Friends often came to see him, and he would be frequently giving them seasonable Counsel and Advice, in many heavenly Expressions; and would often Exhort them, To keep a Love and Unity, and to the Living Divine Power and Life of Truth, that whereby they might be kept a People fresh, and green, and living to God; that so Formality might not prevail over them. And he pressed, That a great Regard might be had of the Poor, and that some way might be found out for their Employment; often saying to this effect, That in an unexpressible Manner he felt their Sufferings, by reason of their Po-

erty. Indeed he was a Man that
 did greatly Sympathize with those
 that were afflicted both in Body and
 Mind, being of a very tender Spirit.
 A little before his Departure, he
 sending for John Padley and his Wife
 into his Chamber, said to him, Dear
 John, *do what thou canst for the Honour*
of Truth, and the Lord bless Thee and
Thine for Generations to come: And
 to his Wife he said, *That he desired*
the Lord might be with her, when she
came to such a time as that (he was
then in, i. e. a Death-Bed) and make
her Passage easie; and his Desire was
 granted, for she died in less than
 a Year after, and said on her Dying-
 Bed, *That the Lord had answered dear*
Charles Marshal's Request; for she lay
 very easie, and freely given up. As
 he lay in this weak Condition, he
 was often opening his Mind to di-
 vers of his Friends, particularly
 when several Ministring Friends
 came to see him, he spoke to this
 effect: *I have loved the Brotherhood,*
I have sought the Unity and Peace of
 the

the Church, for this Forty Years ; and,
 my great Comfort, never did any
 thing tending to the Breach thereof.
 I have Two Things that lies upon me
 Friends, which I desire may be Com-
 municated unto them.

The first is, That they gather down
 to the Immortal Seed, and Word of
 life, in themselves, and be Exercised
 in it before the Lord ; and duly Prize,
 and set a right Value upon the many
 outward and inward Mercies and Bless-
 ings, and heavenly Visitations, that the
 Lord has eminently bestowed upon them,
 since the Morning of the Day of his
 blessed Visitation ; then shall they grow,
 and be preserved in a Living Freshness
 to him : And the Lord will continue his
 Mercies to them, and they shall not want
 his divine Refreshing Presence in their
 Meetings together before him.

The Second thing is, That those
 Friends, that the Lord hath given great
 Estates unto, ought to cast their Bread
 upon the Waters, and do good therewith
 in their Life-time ; for those that are
 Enjoyers of such things, should see that
 they

they are good Stewards thereof: On the many poor Families, that such Persons might be a help to! How easily might they, with a little, assist many a Family to live in the World! And what Comfort would it be for such to see the Fruits of their Charity in their Lifetime! And when our Friend G. Whitehead came to see him, with much tenderness of Spirit, he signified his great Peace and Satisfaction, and that he always, from the first, had an honourable Esteem of the Unity of his Brethren. And a little before his Departure, when our Friend W. Penn, and divers others, did visit him, he lay as a Man Gathered up in his Spirit unto God; and though he was almost Spent, his Voice being very low, hardly to be heard; yet by what was understood, it might be perceived, That he had in Possession the Earnest of that blessed Peace, which he was going to receive the Fulness of: The Observation of his Peace, and happy Condition, did much affect those present. And so he departed like

like a Child, in a quiet Frame of Spirit, the 15th of the 9th Month, 1698. Aged 61 Years, and was buried from *Grace-church-street-Meeting-House*, in *Friends Burial-Ground* near *Bunhill-Fields, London.*

Sarah Padley, second Wife of John Padley, aforesaid, of *Olaves, Southwark*, was a Woman of a meek and quiet Spirit, and had great Sympathy with those in Affliction, and did bear a publick Testimony for God, in the Assemblies of his People; and she had an Honourable Esteem of the faithful Elders in the Church.

She was taken Ill the 26th Day of the 5th Month, 1699. and was sensible her end was near, and on that account was concerned for her Husband; and the Love of God, with which she was filled, caused her sweetly to *Praise his Name*, so that
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the sense of the Pains, and weakness of her Body, seem'd to be taken away ; Another time, in the sense of the Love of God to her Soul, she cry'd out, *Oh ! Death, where is thy Sting ?* Often praying and praising God ; and during the whole time of her Sickness, was freely given up to Dye.

A few Days before her Departure, she said to her Husband, *Thou art the dearest of any thing in the World to me ; yet I can freely leave thee.* Another time she said to him, *The Lord hath answered dear Charles Marshall's Prayer for me* (remembering that C. Marshall had desired upon his dying Bed, *That she might have an easie Passage, when she came to such a time as he was in ; who dyed at her House*) For, said she, *I am very easie ;* and often said, that *she was Resigned to the Will of God.*

A little before her Death, much thro' her Husband's great Affection to her, and his earnest Desire of her Life, she seem'd a little to desire Life,

Life, but presently check'd her self for it; and returned to her former Resignation of Spirit: And so lay Supplicating and Praising God, so that a Neighbour present (not called a Quaker) said, That she never saw any lye so sweetly in all her Life. And seeing some about her Weep, she said, Do not Cry for me, for I am going to my Rest. A Friend said, Art thou willing to leave thy Husband? she answered, I have often told him, I am willing to go, when the Lord pleaseth: And in a little time after, said, In a few Days, in a few Days, they will say, Sarah Padley is Dead: And it did much affect those about her, to see how reconciled she was to Death, speaking very pleasantly concerning it; and of the Felicity that would accrue to her thereby: So finished her Course, on the 8th Day of the 6th Month, 1699. Aged about 34 Years.

Williams

William Garton, of Ifield, in
 Suffex, was an early Fruit to
 God, and a Faithful Believer in his
 Blessed Truth, and a Servant in the
 Church of Christ, in the County of
 Suffex, Zealous against all Unrigh-
 teousness, and for the Unity of the
 Spirit in the Bond of Peace among
 Brethren; an Elder indeed, watch-
 ing for Good over the Flock; a
 Sympathizer with the Afflicted, and
 a Mourner in the House of Mourn-
 ing, more in deed, than in words;
 and tho' but a plain Man, yet God
 endowed him with a large Under-
 standing, and sound Judgment, which
 has been approved in difficult Cases:
 He was Firm and Constant in Spirit,
 in times of Suffering and Persecu-
 tion, preferring the Service of Truth,
 and the Testimony of it, before all
 worldly things. He was an Exam-
 ple of Vertue in the Church, and
 also in his Family; and his removal
 hence, a great Loss to both: A true
 and loving Husband, and tender Fa-
 ther; had great Care that his Chil-
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dren might be trained up in the Fear of God, and Knowledge of his blessed Truth; which Labour God was pleased to answer to his Satisfaction: He would often say, *The greatest Portion he desired of the Lord for his Children, was the blessed Truth, and that they might Love, Fear and Serve the Lord, and then he did not doubt, that they would want any good Thing; and to that end would often be giving them good Counsel and Admonition.*

Two Days before his Decease, being visited by a Friend, he said, *That he had always endeavoured the Prosperity of Truth, to the best of his Understanding; and that he had nothing of Trouble upon him; but did bless God, that he had an opportunity to give this Testimony to those present; Exhorting an ancient Friend to keep low in God's Fear, and make strait steps, that he might lay down his gray Hairs in Peace.*

Another time, several Friends coming from a Meeting to visit him, he

he desired, *That his Love might be remembered to all Friends.*

Another time he said, *I have always sought the Peace of the Church, according to my ability.*

Being asked by a young Man that watched with him, how he did? he reply'd, *I am the better, to see young Men come up in the Truth.*

A friendly Person coming to see him on his Sick Bed, he put out his hand to him, saying, *Ah! thou lackest something: These be serious times.*

Two Ministering Friends visiting him the Day before he dyed, he seem'd very much revived, and said, *I never did any thing against the Truth knowingly, since I was Convinced.*

One taking his leave of him, hoping for his Recovery, he reply'd, *If it be the Lord's Will, let me go in Peace:* He also said, *That he felt the Lord to come in upon his Spirit:* And near his end, he prayed for his Wife, and Children, and Grand-Children, that God would make up the Loss of him unto them: And further said,

said, O Lord, I pray thee, remember
 the Ancients, that they may still hold on
 their Way; and, Oh! my God, if it
 stand with thy Will, visit more and
 more those which are not of thy Fold,
 and bring them in by thine Arm, that
 they may come to know Rest for their
 Souls, that at the last we may be bound
 up together in the Bundle of Life; and
 so concluded with Hymns and Praises
 unto God. Another time, after some
 Friends had prayed by him, which
 was to his great Satisfaction, the
 Room being clear of Company, he
 said to a Daughter standing by, O
 Dear Child, I have known much of the
 Goodness of the Lord, but not in such
 a large manner (before) as now: The
 very Fountain is open, and the Love of
 God is over all; Praises, Praises to the
 Lord. He uttered many heavenly
 Expressions, and gave good Exhor-
 tations to those about him, which are
 not here inserted; and a little time
 before he dyed, he called for his
 Relations, and embraced his Wife
 in his Arms, and took his last leave
 of

of her, and of his Son and Daughters; holding out his hand, taking leave of all Friends that came to see him, till his Strength fail'd, and so sweetly Dyed in the Lord, in an honourable good old Age, the 8th Day of the 7th Month, 1701. being the 66th Year of his Age.

C*Charles Ormston*, Merchant, in *Kelfo* in *Scotland*, was Convinced of the blessed Truth, about the Year 1665. He was a good Example, and Pattern of Godliness, which he shew'd forth in the Upright Life and Conversation he had amongst Men, and did bear a faithful Testimony among the Friends of that Meeting, to which he belonged, and at whose House the Meeting was kept unto his dying Day.

He was in the Year 1668. cast in- to *Edinburgh-Prison*, upon the account of his owning those People, called

called in Scorn, *Quakers*: He remained Prisoner about 22 Months; and his Wife, who was not at that time called a *Quaker*, having several times made application to the Privy-Council, for his Release, did at length obtain an Order for the same, on the 20th of the 12th Month, 1667. And after Friends settling their Meeting at his House, the Earl of Roxburgh, whose Lodging was hard by, being angry that it should be so near his Gates, caused the Town-Militia to be raised, and by force did hale Friends out of their Meeting, and laid several of them up in Prison, amongst whom, C. O. was one: His Adversary at length perceiving, that neither keeping them out of their Meeting-Room, nor yet Locking up his Doors, would hinder them to meet under the Pillars of the House, he gave over his Persecution.

This our Friend fell Sick about the latter end of the Year 1684. and continued to grow weaker about
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two Months time ; and having before put his Outward Affairs in Order, and feeling himself very weak, and nigh his end, upon the 21st of the 12th Month, 1684. in the Evening he called for his two Sons (his Daughters not professing Truth) the Elder whereof came to him, whom he took by the Hand, and exhorted to a faithful walking in the Truth, as he had formerly, and instructed them in many things. And about three quarters of an Hour after, he fell asleep in the Lord, having left a Good Savour of his Upright Life and Conversation behind him.

John Ormston, Eldest Son to the said Charles Ormston, was an Example of Sobriety and Godliness, having from a Child shun'd Evil, and when he was mocked for refusing to bear Company with others in their vain Recreations, he did bear it patiently,

tiently, not Reviling again: He was given to Retirement; and a careful Instructor of his younger Brother: He was much troubled with Bleeding, which brought him into a Consumption; and he told them, *he did believe he should dye*: And, being near his end, desired his Father to pray by him; which he did; and about three or four Days before he dyed, he enquired of his Sisters the Day of the Month; and being told, he answered, *The 22d shall be my Day*; which proved true, for upon the 22d of the 10th Month, 1682. he departed this Life, and is entered into that blessed Rest, prepared for the Faithful. Aged 20 Years and 4 Months.

Thomas Robinson, of Bridgend, near Kelso, in Scotland, was Convinced of the Truth about the Year 1669. in which he walked Circumspectly

spectly, in a good Conversation, to his latter end, being a good Example in the place where he lived; and did often Exhort his Friends and Brethren in the Meeting to which he belonged, to Faithfulness: He was several times Imprisoned about the Years 1672, and 1673. for Meeting with the People called Quakers, to Worship God; and after having lived to a good old Age, it pleased the Lord to visit him with Sickness, which continued about 12 Days, in which time he was kept in Patience, and often signified, *that he felt the Love of the Lord to his Soul;* and exhorted his Neighbours and Relations, who came to see him, to *Fear the Lord, and turn to him while they had time;* with many more seasonable Expressions that he did speak, even when he was in great Pain, which affected the Standers by, to whom he said, *Let Patience have its perfect Work:* He also signified, that being walking one Evening by himself (as his manner was) he prayed fervently

errently to the Lord, that he might
 ve a Seal of his Assurance before his
 departure; and immediately he was
 lled with great Joy, and the Word of
 e Lord came to him, saying, *Is not*
Grace sufficient for thee? That is done
ready: Thy Peace is made: And a
 ttle before he departed, some of
 s Children, with some others, be-
 g present, he being about to take
 s last Leave of them, said, *Hum-*
ble your Hearts before the Lord, and
ake use of your time, and slip no Op-
portunity of making your Peace with
od: And at last, Recommending his
 irit into the Hands of the Lord Jesus
 rist, he sweetly laid down his
 head in Peace, upon the 28th of
 e 9th Month, 1698. being about
 e Seventy Third Year of his
 age.

T *Thomas Robinson*, Son of the above-mentioned *Tho. Robinson* was Convinced of the Truth about three Years before his Parents, who about 13 Years of Age, and but few Friends in those Parts; and he was so effectually Converted, that altho many endeavours were used, both by Promises and Threatnings, they were not able to overturn his Faith.

He was a Youth of a Sober and Religious Conversation, in such manner that he was a Wonder to many, and by his Faithfulness to the Truth (tho' a Child) he was very instrumental to the Convincement of his Parents, who afterwards lived and dyed in the same Faith: And many Disputes he had with Priests and others, and was so furnished with Arguments, that they were often astonished at him.

About the 20th Year of his Age God was pleased to call him to the Work of the Ministry; at which time

time he was concern'd to go to public Places of Worship, and bear Testimony to the People, against their Evil Deeds : His Ministry was living ; and he had a clear discerning of the Spirit of Antichrist, that he did secretly work for the hurt of God's Heritage, which he advised his Friends to watch against : He travelled through the Northern Counties of *England* ; also all the Meetings of Friends in his own Nation ; and had several Sightings of Things to come, some of which he saw come to pass ; and also had a Vision of his own Death, two Years before he dyed : And at last he was visited with Sickness, which continued about seventeen Weeks ; and all that time he was not heard to repine, or speak Frowardly, tho' his Sickness was attended with much Exercise ; but many times he did sing Praises to the Lord, to the affecting of others that heard him ; and declared, That he valued not the Pains and trouble of his Body, if it was the

Lord's Will so to try him; but the Lord's everlasting Truth might be raised over all, and all Lets and Hindrances be taken out of the way, and to feel Preservation in the Truth, to the end of his Days; with many more good Expressions: And the Night before he dyed, he entreated his Parents not to Repine at the Lord's doing, saying, It was his Will to remove him from the Evil to come: After a little Silence, his Father asked him, If he had any thing more upon his Mind to say? He answered, little more, but that all might be kept Faithful, who profess the Truth, the precious Truth: And further said, Let me Rest, I have done, I have done; and fell asleep, and slept till about break of Day; and departed this Life, on the 2d Day of the 8th Month, 1677, about the 23d Year of his Life.

Stephen Smith, was Born the 19th
 Day of the 7th Month, 1623.
 He received the Truth, in the Love
 of it, Anno 1665. and gave up to
 obey and walk therein; and truly
 loved God's faithful Messengers and
 people, how despised and suffering
 ever they were; and he did suf-
 fer with them, both in Person and
 Estate, by Imprisonment, and Spoil
 of Goods, for his tender Conscience.
 His Testimony on behalf of Christ
 Jesus.

He was a Man fearing God, and
 of good Report in the Country, be-
 ing an exemplary Preacher of Right-
 eousness in his Conversation, and
 he truly kind, and ready to do
 good in his Day; so God also en-
 dued him with a Living Ministry,
 and Experimental Testimony to tell
 of his Goodness, and speak of his
 praise to others, from an inward
 sense thereof in himself, and to the
 comfort and Incouragement of many
 that heard him; he travelled in di-
 vers parts of the Nation, in the

Work and Service of God, in the Gospel of his Son.

In the time of his Sickness, when in greatest extremity of Weakness he did often *Declare of the loving Kindness of the Lord God*, by which he was upheld above the fear of Death.

Unto several who came to visit him on his Sick-Bed, he said, It was a blessed and heavenly Thing to have the Mind Clear and Holy, free from all Troubles and Cumbers of this World, as he said his Mind was, having all given up to the Will of the Lord, that it might be truly done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; adding, O what a blessed and heavenly Habitation is this, for the Soul of Man to rest in, which I have a full Assurance of! And another time, one who came to see him, he exhorted to Dread and Fear the Lord God, and to Repent of all whatsoever that Holy and Pure Witness in his Conscience makes manifest to be Evil; so if happily he might find Mercy with the Lord; which will be better to thee (said he) than all the World besides;

les; and a little after came into
 the Chamber another Person; and
 the Power of the Lord being with
 him, he was refreshed in his Spirit,
 and he desired the Person (who was
 a Woman) to fear the Lord, that
 whereby she might be preserved out of all
 evil; and added, Love the Truth
 above all, for the Truth is a very pre-
 cious Thing; and be sure keep low and
 humble to it, and be not high-minded
 or exalted above the Pure Witness of
 God in thy Conscience, for that would
 be hurtful.

Another time, in remembrance
 of the tender Dealings of the Lord
 to him, he said to his Sons, who
 were present, viz. *My Days are ve-*
ry near drawing to an end; and tho'
my Father and Mother cast me off when
I was a little Lad, the Lord hath al-
ways preserved me, and his Blessings did
always attend me, having been often in
many great Dangers, both by Sea and
Land: So having my Mind Sober and
Chaste to God, and having the Fear of
the Lord placed in my Heart, by which

I was preserved out of Evil : I did
 the thing that was right in the sight
 of the Lord, so that I found Favour of the
 Lord, and gained the Love and Favour
 of People, in dealing justly and truly with
 all People, not wronging any Man; and
 this he gave in Charge to his Sons
 that they might always be kept So-
 ber and Chaste in their Minds, having
 always regard to the Fear of the Lord
 placed in their Hearts, that thereby
 they might be preserved out of Evil,
 and doing always that that is just and
 right, and to be sure to be Courteous
 and kind to all, Loving the Good in all,
 and bearing their Testimony against the
 Evil in all, wheresoever it did appear :
 And further said, And whensoever
 you go about that which is weighty, take
 Counsel of Good and Sound Friends, so
 that all things may be done to the Glory
 and Honour of the Lord, and his blessed
 Truth, in which your Blessings are all
 Yea, and Amen : And moreover ad-
 vised his Sons, saying, Don't run into
 the Cumbers of the World, but wait
 upon the Lord, and he will find out a
 way

may for you, in his time; for the Lord is calling and taking me out and from all Troubles and Cumbers, and from the Evil that is coming upon this wicked World, in a good time, wherein I am assured of that sound and perfect Peace, wherein my Soul will rest with the Lord forever; so that I have no more to do now, but desire the Lord to make my Passage easie to my heavenly Rest: And a little before his Departure, being filled with the Spirit, he praised and magnified God, and prayed, saying, Lord, and dearest God, O assist in this Heavenly Passage, from Death to Life; and soon after said, Now I am going into my sweet Sleep; and immediately and innocently laid down his Head in Perfect Peace with the Lord, the 22d Day of the 7th Month, 1678. at his own House, near Guildford in Sussex; Aged 55 Years and 3 Days.

William Allen, of Earls-Cowen, in the County of Essex, did receive the blessed Truth in the Year 1654. and the Power of the Lord made a speedy Change in him; for soon after he had a Dispensation of the Gospel of Christ Jesus given unto him from God, and he was stirred up with Zeal in his Soul against the false Ways, Worships, Superstitions and Profaneness of those Times; which Zeal for God produced living Testimonies from him (in divers Towns and Places where he travelled) against those Things which were Evil, which sometimes occasioned him to come under hard Sufferings, Bonds and Imprisonments, in which he behaved himself as a Faithful and Courageous Soldier of Christ Jesus, and a good Example to his Fellow-Sufferers; Preaching the Gospel of Peace, both in Life and Doctrine, and stopp'd the Mouths of Gain-fayers; which had a sweet and comfortable Effect upon many, who were reach'd in their Consciences.

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by his Testimony and Ministry, and by his innocent Conversation, so that they embraced the Truth he preached, and suffered for, and became Heirs of the Salvation of God, to their Everlasting Comfort, and the furtherance of the Gospel.

He was of severe Carriage to such as made Profession of Truth, and walked not with a strait foot in the Gospel; but very tender over all such as were young and under Exercise about their inward Condition, and did sometimes speak effectually to their Conditions, to the easing of their afflicted Spirits.

He was an Example in the Country where he liv'd, encouraging *Friends* to observe the good Order of the *Truth*, to keep the Gospel void of Offence, not exalting himself above his Brethren; but carried a good Respect to them, and to their Counsel and Judgment.

He served the Lord Jesus Christ, and his Church and People, without Weariness, to the end of his Days;
and

and would Lament those who set down at ease, and would often say, *That Terrible Day would overtake them who were at ease in Zion :* And in the time of his Health, when he was able to go abroad and visit Friends, he would say, *God hath made me a Huntsman, and I must visit many of them who are in their Holes and Caves ; I must be clear of their Blood :* And would relate of the sore Travels and Pangs that he had for some, which often made his Soul very Sorrowful.

His Labours in the Gospel were chiefly in *Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge and Essex ;* and for his Testimony to the Truth, was Imprisoned in *Colchester-Castle*, where he was Instrumental to gain divers to the Truth ; he was also Imprison'd at *Cambridge-Castle*, and at *Ely* and *Lyn* in *Norfolk* ; and many were turned to God by his Ministry.

He was a diligent Labourer in the Lord's Vineyard about 24 Years, and the last Year and half of his time, was
much

much afflicted with bodily Weakness and Sickness; but he would often say, *That he was Content with the Will of his Father*: In the time of his Sickness, he shewed the Meekness and Patience of Christ, which dwelt in him; but the Lord, in due time, seeing his Exercise to be enough, put a period to his Days: He was filled with the Peace of God to the last, so that he said, *He could shout for Joy, but that he wanted Strength of Body*; and which he said, was but an Earnest of what he should more fully enjoy, when his **earthly Tabernacle was dissolved**. He spoke largely of the Injoyment of the Glory of God in his **Soul**; and of the **Assurance he had of Eternal Life**: Some of his Expressions, in his Sickness, were as followeth:

The Earth is filled with the Glory of the Lord: Praises, Praises, unto my God, who Reigns over all, over all: He hath Redeemed my Soul from the Grave, and my Life from the horrible Pit: He hath plucked my Feet out of the Mire
and

and Clay: Glory, Glory be given unto thy great Name: Oh! my good God, as for my part, I have fought the good Fight, and have kept the Faith; and a large share of the Glory of my God is sealed in my Soul; it is but an earnest that I have here, of that Crown of Life and Glory, which my Father hath in Store for me.

And concerning his Sickness, he said, It hath pleased the Lord to Exercise me, as he did Job, for the Trial of my Faith and Patience: I have trodden his Steps this twelve Months: A full Reward thou hast given me, of Life and Glory. Oh! my good God, how good art thou to me? I have received abundance of Good at thy Hand, and shall not I receive a little Evil? Blessed be thy Name, for thy Goodness: My Cup overflows, I cannot utter it; and so continued, often speaking of the Glory of the Lord, and the Immortality that rested upon him; and charged Friends to be Faithful, that the Dread of God might always rest upon their Hearts, that they might answer

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his Love, in yielding Obedience to his Requirings; and then, if they did meet with Exercise, for the Tryal of their Faith, yet the Lord would be with them, if they abode Faithful to the End; and the same Crown of Life they should enjoy, which he had an Assurance of. Therefore (said he) watch, and keep your Garments, and Oyl in your Vessels, that ye may be ready to enter with the Bridegroom; but as for those that shall continue in Hypocrisie and Disobedience, and shun the Cross of Christ, and neglect to Work while it is Day, the Night will come upon such unawares, and the foolish Virgins State they will be found in; and though they may desire Oyl of the Wise, the Wise will have none to spare; but the Door will be shut upon such, and Misery will be their Portion. He gave good Counsel to his two Daughters, saying, There was a Blessing for them, for their Father's sake, if they would bow to Truth, and abide Faithful therein.

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He long'd to haste away ; but was also willing to wait God's Pleasure.

More was spoken by him, as Friends came to visit him, and as his Strength would permit, which was not taken in Writing. After his Speech grew low, he could not well be heard, and seem'd for some hours as if he was departing ; at last, he said to a Friend, *I was almost gone, but I cannot go yet ; there is some secret Counsel of God in it.* After some little time, more Friends coming in, he was beyond outward likelihood enabled to Declare much to them, exhorting to Faithfulness, and said, *I am glad to see my Friends about me : I go to my God, and your God ; my Father, and your Father ; my Bosom is full of Love to all my Father's Children ; and then said, Now Lord Jesus, how acceptable is it to leave all the World, and be gathered up to thee : And so, committing his Spirit to the Lord, soon fell asleep.* His End was Honourable, and he is Crown'd with Immortality and
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Eternal Life; and left the World in a good Age, having attained to about 63 Years: Died the 21st of the 11th Month, 1679. — at *Earls-Cowen, Essex.*

William Simpson, born in *Lancashire*, where he also received the Truth: He was a faithful Minister and Prophet of the Lord, much concerned in going through Markets and Towns, and to great Men and Magistrates, and Priests Houses, and Publick Places of Worship, declaring against their False Worship, and Evil Ways and Works; and was often Imprisoned for the Truth, and underwent cruel and hard Sufferings by the Goalers. He was moved of the Lord to go at several times, for three Years, Naked and Bare-foot, through Markets, Courts, Cities and Towns, and to Priests Houses, as a Sign to the People,
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Telling them, *So should they be stripped Naked, as he was Naked.* And sometimes he was moved to put on *Hair-Sack-Cloth*, and to *Besmeare his Face black*, and to tell them, *So would the Lord Be-smear all their Religion, as he was Be-smear'd.* Great Sufferings did this poor Man undergo; many sad Blows, and fore Whippings, with Staves, and Wands, and Thorn Bushes, Coach-Whips and Horse-Whips, on his bare Body: This was before King *Charles* came in; that that Generation might have taken Warning, and *they would not*, but Rewarded his Love with Cruel Usage: Only the Mayor of *Cambridge* did Nobly to him; for he put his Gown about him (being Naked) and took him into his House.

In the Year 1670. he went to *Barbadoes*, in company with that faithful Servant of God, *John Burnet*, to preach the Gospel of Christ Jesus in that Island; and after they had some Service for God there, he was taken sick of a Feaver; in which

which time he felt great Peace and Consolation of the Spirit: After he had been sick several days, he signified to Friends about him, *that he should Dye*: In the Observation of his Submission and Innocent Behaviour on his Sick-Bed, some shed Tears; he taking notice of it, did tenderly desire, *That they should not be grieved*. Drawing weaker, and his Voice low, he said to those about him, *Friends, be Noble, and don't hinder me in my Passage; for I am an Innocent Man*. And being asked, *Whither he would go?* He said, *I must pass away*: And by what more was said at that time, Friends were assured, *That his Heart was wholly fixed upon the Lord*. A few hours before he died, a Person came to visit him, who had not been (tho' invited) at any Meeting *William* had been at in that Island, and taking him by the Hand, asked him, *How he did?* He answered, *I am a very Sick Man*; and looking towards the Man, *W. S. was endowed with*

with the Power and Spirit of the Lord; by which he marvelously preached the Glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, about a quarter of an hour, Praising and Magnifying the Lord; which was so contrary to the Expectations of those about him (considering the Circumstances of his weak Condition) that it caused Amazement, Trembling, and Tears. He preached the Doctrine of Perfection, and Freedom from Sin on this side the Grave; Exhorting Friends to be Valiant for Truth upon Earth; and that they should not be again intangled with the Yoke of Bondage; but to stand fast in the Liberty wherewith Christ had made them free; that every Bond and Yoke might be broken, that that which is pure of the Lord God might go free in all; that God might be Glorified and Honoured, and they Preserved in the Day of Trial, which must come upon all Flesh; and so to grow from Grace to Grace, and from Strength to Strength, and from one Degree of Holiness unto another; and

and that a daily Growth might be witnessed in all : — Farther saying, Oh Friends ! It is the Life that the Lord looks at ; for he that hath the Son, hath Life ; and he that hath not the Son, hath not Life : Examine your selves ; no Son, no Life ; without the Son, without Life : And thus he declared Wonderfully ; and often Praising and Glorifying God, after this manner ; Oh all that is within me, praise and magnify the Lord God, who is worthy for ever and ever, of all Glory ; and Everlasting Praises to the God of my Life, who is only worthy, and lives over all, and is above all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

And about three hours after he had given this Testimony, he departed this Life in much quietness, being the 8th day of the 12th Month, 1670. and was honourably Buried in a Garden, belonging to Richard Forstal at Bridge-Town in Barbadoes.

Joseph

Joseph Coale of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, a young Man, about 19 Years of Age, who was Convinced of Truth in the Breaking forth of God's Blessed Day in our Age; when the Ministers of Christ Jesus our Lord came to *Reading*, he was one of the first that received their Testimony, and was one of the first in the County of *Berks*, that suffered Imprisonment on the Truth's account. In the Year 1655. he was Committed to the Compter in *Reading*, by *Henry Fremin* Justice, and afterwards to the Goal, for declaring in the Publick Place of Worship, *That Cain's Sacrifice was not accepted, but was an Abomination to the Lord.*

He did preach the Everlasting Gospel, and the Day of God's Visitation to the World, and his Ministry was Effectual, not only for the Convincement, but also for the Establishment and Confirmation of many; being Experienced in the Works and Dealings of the Lord God, and also of the Wiles and Baits of the Enemy

Enemy of the Souls of Mankind; a faithful Witness-bearer to the Truth, not in Words only, but in Life and Conversation also; walking in Innocency, and Lowliness of Mind, in which he was a good Example and Pattern, as became the Gospel of Christ Jesus. Being delivered out of Prison, he was moved (in the Year 1656.) to travel abroad in the West of *England*, to visit his Friends and Brethren, who were Prisoners for the Truth in *Lanceston-Goal* in *Cornwall*; where, at that time, our dear Friend *George Fox* was also a Prisoner, with other Friends; and in Compassion to their Sufferings, he was Conscienciously Concerned to lay before Justice *Anthony Nicols*, the Cruelty of the Goaler towards his Friends, carrying also with him a Letter from *G. F.* to the said Justice; who, instead of Relieving the Oppressed, Committed the said *Joseph Coale* to the rest of his Friends at *Lanceston*, as a Vagrant; who lay many Months (after

ter he was Fin'd at the Assize) for the most part in a wretched place, call'd *Doomsdale*, a place where they used to put *Witches* and *Murderers*, after they were Condemned to dye; so Noisom, that it was observ'd, few that went in, ever came out in Health; and the Excrements of the Prisoners, that from time to time had been put there, had not been carry'd out (as the People said) for many Years; so that it was like Mire, and in some places to the top of the Shoes in Water and Piss, &c. and the Gaoler would not let Friends clean it, neither would he let them have Beds, or Straw to lye on. — Being Released, he went on farther Westward to visit Friends, and was Committed by Justice *Ceely* again to *Lanceston-Goal*, as a Wanderer, where he lay three Months.

And in 1657. he being, with other Friends, met to worship God, near *Penrin* in *Cornwall*, Captain *Fox*, Governour of *Pendenis-Castle*, with
a Troop

a Troop of Horse, came and abused Friends in a wicked manner; and Joseph was much beaten, and his Blood shed, to the hazard of his Life.

He was also afterwards, for declaring Truth in the Publick Places of Worship at *Exon*, fell upon by the Rude People, and haled by the Hair of the Head; and had to the Town-Hall, and from thence to Gaol, (a very filthy place) and they put a great pair of double Irons upon one of his Legs, and they ordered the Gaoler, *not to let him have any Bed, nor Straw to lie upon*; but the next week he was set at liberty.

The same Month and Year, he was Committed to *Dorchester-Gaol*, for Exhorting People to *Repentance* in the Market-place at *Lyme*, and declaring Truth in the Steeple-House at *Brideport*.

And in 1661. he was again Imprisoned in *Exon*, for not Swearing, being taken from a peaceable Meet-

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ing, and tendred the Oath. And many other times, he hazarded his Life for the Testimony of the blessed Truth, in Stocks, and Stonings and divers other Harships and Difficulties.

He was once in *Ireland* with *Edward Burroughs*, in the Service of the Gospel.

And last of all, he was Committed to the Gaol of *Reading*, on the 13th of the 5th Month, 1664, by *William Armourer*, a Justice for the Peace, because, for Conscience-sake towards the Lord, he could not break his Command, who had said, *Swear not at all*. And after Six Years being shut up in Prison, and much deprived of common Air to breathe in, he was much Impaired in his Health. And in the time of his Sicknes, he gave forth many Heavenly Exhortations to Friends that came to visit him; and this was his Faith, which he declared on his Dying-Bed, saying, *That the Light of that Glorious Everlasting Day*

Day of the Lord, which is broken forth
in this our Day, shall never be Ex-
tinguished, notwithstanding all that
Men can do: And tho' (said he)
it may be in the Hearts of Men, to
Destroy, and Root out, if it were pos-
sible, the Righteous from off the Earth;
yet the Lord doth not intend so;
neither is it in his Heart to suffer it
so to be; but to Exalt his own
Name and Kingdom over all; and the
Wrath of Man shall turn to the Glo-
ry of God, and the rest he will re-
strain.

Death was made easie to him;
and near his Departure, he bid
one of his Fellow-Prisoners Fare-
wel; and Resigned up to Him that
Office of Love and Care, which he
did Exercise amongst his Brethren
and Sisters, in Bonds for the
Truth's sake; and being fill'd with
Heavenly Love and Life, and fully
Satisfied, laid down his Head in
Peace, and full Assurance of Ever-
lasting Rest and Joy in the Lord:
Aged about 34 Years.

William Smith, Born at *Besthorpe* in *Nottinghamshire*, formerly a Pastor of an Independent Congregation, and lived after the strictest manner of that People. He was Convinced of God's Everlasting Truth about the Year 1658. He was a Faithful Labourer in the Gospel, and many were turned unto God by his Ministry; for he Approved himself a Minister of Christ Jesus, in Tumults, in Labours, in Travels, in Watchings, in Necessities, and Distresses, which came upon him, through the often Spoiling of his Goods, and long and tedious Imprisonments of his Body. And for refusing to pay Tithes to an Impropiator, he was kept close Prisoner one time 21 weeks among Felons, in a Dungeon in *Nottingham-Gaol*: And another time, had the value of 42*l.* taken from him at the same time he was in Prison, for 7*l.* demanded by *Dove William-son*, Priest of *Elton*.

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Indeed many were his Sufferings for his Testimony to the Truth, which for Brevity sake, are omitted ; all which he patiently endured, as seeing him who is Invisible, that he might hold fast Faith and a good Conscience.

And in the times of his Imprisonment, he did write several useful Books, which remain in the Printed Collection of his Writings. And when he was at Liberty, he did travel abroad, to the Nourishing and Strengthening them that did believe.

And tho' he was often visited by Sickness, he was kept in much Patience and Contentment ; and much of the Power and Presence of God did appear in him, many times, when he was in great Weakness of Body, to the Admiration of the Believers.

In his last Sickness, he was a great Comfort to them that did visit him, being a *Living Man in the Life of Truth*. After he had been ill

seven weeks, his Pains began to cease yet continued in weakness; but other Distempers came upon him which he did bear with great Patience: Waiting, having his Mind retired, he spake little, till one Evening, many Friends being in the Room sitting in Silence, and he in his Bed, he turned towards them, and plentifully Declared of the *Great Love of God*; and Friends were much Refreshed and Tendered. He also testified of *a large Portion which he had in Life Eternal*. And then he spake to Friends, *To be mindful of Truth, and of their Service therein, more than of their daily Food*; and so Committed them to the *Grace of God*.

The Day before he was taken away, he call'd for all his Children, (which were six or seven) and tenderly Exhorted them, *To keep in the Fear of God, and to love the Truth; and God would be a Father and Portion to them*; and the next day departed this Life, being the 9th of the 11th Month, 1672.

John

John Steel of Cumberland, was brought to the Knowledge of the Truth in the Year 1654. and was obedient thereunto, and the Lord gave him a publick Testimony to bear, not long after he was Convinced, which continued with him to the end of his Days.

He was a Man of an Excellent Spirit, and clear in discerning the States and Conditions of many, unto whom he was made very Serviceable, by good Counsel, wholsome Advice and Instruction. His manner in publick Testimony was, to deliver himself in few words, and not often, yet very weighty and profound: Severe against Deceit, and wrong Spirits; but very willing always to encourage all Well-doers; a good Example in Conversation, in his Family, and abroad amongst Men, as well as in the Church.

When he was first taken sick, he said to his Wife, *I must leave thee*: She Reply'd, My Dear, why art thou of that Belief? He answered, *It is*
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my Belief, and that I shall be well; and get to the place of Pleasantsness, that I have been travelling for above this Twenty Years. Exhorting his Wife, to take heed to the pure Light, wherewith she was enlightned; for, said he, *It is the Way, and there is not another.* He did bear a Living Testimony on his Dying-Bed, in the Name and Power of the Lord, to several who came to visit him, both Friends, and other People, Exhorting, Warning and Reproving, as he was moved of the Lord.—The Day before he died, several Friends being come to see him, he bid them Sit down, and mind well what he said; and he did utter many very weighty Sayings, which were not written down; but this was remembered, that he said, *None could dye the Death of the Righteous, but they that lived the Life of the Righteous.* And tho' Death may seem hard to some, it doth not seem hard to me; for I feel my Passage sweetned this Day. And Exhorted Friends, to keep the Unity, and beware of a wrong Spirit. And then said,

said, *I have little more to Friends, but it may be I may have something to say to others.*

And after a little time, he desired several of his Neighbours, which were not call'd *Quakers*, to be sent for, most of them being come, the Power of the Lord came upon him, and he said, *I am not ashamed this day to say, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; and so declared to them several weighty Things; and said to his Neighbours, Tho' some of you have been long in a Profession of Religion, if the Question were put to you, What is the Guide of your Minds? I believe you will be put to a stand for an Answer: And some of their Hearts were so reached, that they wept. And a few hours before he died, he uttered many heavenly Expressions, in Prayer to the Lord, to the great Refreshment of the Standers-by. Thus the Lord, who alone is worthy of Praise, did accompany him by his Power to the last. He was Convinced of Truth, Anno 1654. — Died in Cumberland, Anno 1680.*

Thomas

T *Thomas Loyd*, formerly dwelt at a place called *Macemore*, in *Montgomeryshire*, in *Wales*, and in his young Days was brought up at the University of *Cambridge*, and afterwards removed with his Family into *Pensilvania*, where he was President and Deputy-Governour of that Province several Years; and in the last part of his time, had his share with other Friends, in the Exercises occasioned through the Contention of *George Keith*, with Friends in that Country.

And being taken Sick, and near his End, he said to Friends about him, Friends, I love you all, I am going from you; and I dye in Unity and Love with all faithful Friends: I have fought a good Fight, I have kept the Faith, which stands not in the Wisdom of Words, but in the Power of God: I have fought; not for Contention and Strife, but for the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Simplicity of the Gospel: I lay down my Head in Peace, and desire you may all do so: Friends, Farewel all.

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He farther said, to Griffith Owen, a Friend then intending for England, I desire thee to mind my Love to Friends in Old England, if thou livest to go over to see them: I have lived in Unity with them; and do end my Days in Unity with them, and desire the Lord to keep them Faithful unto the end, in the Simplicity of the Gospel: And after a few Days Sickness, he departed this Life, on the 14th of the 7th Month, 1694. Aged about 45 Years, leaving Six Children behind him; and was Buried in Friends Burial-Ground, in Philadelphia in Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Moss, Daughter of Thomas Monk, of South-Liverton-Hall in Nottingham-shire (whose Mother afterwards Married Samuel Watson of Knight-stainforth, in the County of York) and late Wife of Thomas Moss, Merchant in London, was Educated under a Tender, Zealous

lous and Religious Mother, who brought her up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord; and she was a Dutiful and Obedient Child:— And when she grew up, and came to receive the Truth, did give up to it, and continued Faithful therein to the End.—She was Exemplary in her Family, and took great Pains to Instruct her Servants, and bring them to a Sense of their dangerous Condition without a Saviour.—

She was a great Lover of Retirement, and given to Prayer, Contemplation and Reading of the Holy Scriptures, that her time was much spent alone in her Chamber; so that frequently, when her Husband return'd Home from his Affairs abroad, he did find her Weeping; upon which he has sometimes said to her, If some Persons saw her at those times, they might think she was under Discontent: Her answer was, *No, my Dear, there is nothing at all of that; but the Lord's Power and Presence hath broken my Heart, and tendered*

dered my Spirit, in a living Sense of his Goodness and tender Dealings towards me : I can say, he is truly Good to my Soul, and I have tasted of the Incomes of his Heavenly Love and Life ; and I heartily wish, that all who make Profession of the Blessed Truth, were Injoyers with me, for my Soul has been overcome with his Love ; and altho' I have lost all my Children, and many of my near Relations, yet is the Lord pleased to sweeten all my Afflictions, and make hard Things easie to me.

She was indisposed sometime before she kept her Chamber ; and her Sickness increasing upon her, she was advised, to remove out of the City, for the Recovery of her Health ; which she did ; and was sometime at Shacklewell : But notwithstanding, she grew worse ; and being sensible that her end drew near, she sent for Samuel Waldenfield , George Whitehead, and some other Friends, that she might see them before she dyed ; and the Day before she dyed, Samuel Waldenfield and John Field, com-

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ing to visit her, she was much revived, and spoke to this purpose as followeth, directing her speech to S. W. *I had a desire to see thee, and to invite thee to my Burial* (she having sent for him the Day before) *But I hope, said she to J. F. thou wilt not take it amiss, that I spake first to Samuel, for I did not know of thy coming, thy Visit being altogether free. I kindly accept of it as freely, and desire thee also to be at my Burial: And tho' I did not know that I should have seen the Light of another Day, yet the Lord having spared me, I am glad to see your Faces, that I may tell you, how Good and Gracious the Lord hath been to my Soul; for I can truly say, I have sought him with many Tears in my secret Chamber, and poured out my Soul unto him, and said, O Lord, do thou come down and Tabernacle in me, and take up thy abode with me. For I testify this Day, Jacob's Seed hath wrestled with God for a Blessing, and hath prevailed; and now He is become my Portion, and the Lot of my Inheritance*

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rance for ever : He hath poured of the
 Oyl of Joy into my sorrowful Soul, and
 hath fed me with the finest of the Wheat,
 and with Honey out of the Rock hath he
 sustained me, and the **Sting of Death**
is taken away ; I say, my dear
 Friends, I have not the Work to do now,
 I bless my God for it, but am ready to
 be dissolved ; and I do freely Resign
 up my Life to my God. I remem-
 ber my dear and tender Mother, who
 was a Woman that truly feared him ;
 and her Prayers and Petitions were of-
 ten put up to the Lord, on the behalf of
 her Off-spring ; and we have reaped
 much Benefit thereby : And I have
 blessed the Lord many a time, that ever
 I was Born of her ; I speak not these
 things boastingly : No, for what am I
 but a poor lump of Clay ? But only to
 extol the Powerful Name and Good-
 ness of my God, who hath been so Boun-
 tiful and Gracious to me, for there is
 Forgiveness and Mercy with him, that
 he may be feared : Therefore be encour-
 aged to keep Faithful to the Lord, all
 that are within the hearing of my Voice,

both Husband, Friends and Servants ;
 exhort you all, Do Justly, love Mercy
 and walk humbly with your God, that
 so it may be said unto us all, Come
 ye blessed of my Father ; which is
 what my Soul hath desired ; and that
 might never hear that Dreadful sound
 Go, ye Cursed ; and the Lord hath
 answered my desire this Day, and hath
 loosed my Tongue, that was ready to
 cleave to the Roof of my Mouth, and
 hath strengthened me to Praise his great
 and honourable Name : Oh ! Praise the
 Lord with me, my Friends, and Pray
 for me (as I shall do for you whilst I
 have Breath) that I may be preserved
 and kept in Patience to the end ; for it
 is they that hold out to the end, that
 shall be saved. And tho' I have a
 dear and tender Husband, and want
 for nothing that is convenient for me,
 yet I can freely part with all ; and I
 hope the Lord will preserve him near
 to himself to the end of his Days.
 Cornelius Mason coming in, she said,
 Neighbour Mason, remember my dear
 Love to thy Wife (and dear Children)

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she hath been kind, in visiting me, and
 we have lived in much Love and
 Friendship together ; and I truly de-
 sire the Lord may keep you Faithful
 to himself, to the end of your Days ;
 and now I am Comforted, and can
 say, Lord, here I am before thee, do
 with me as it seemeth good in thy
 Sight : This is the Substance of but
 part of what she said, for she con-
 tinued a considerable time, speak-
 ing of the Mercies and Dealings of
 God to her Soul, and praising him
 for the same, to the Comfort of
 those present : After which Samuel
 Waldenfield spoke a few words, and
 returned Praise and Thanksgiving
 to the Lord, for his endless Love,
 and tender Mercies to his Servants
 and People ; during which she was
 filled with Heavenly Joy ; and
 spake some words afterwards, desi-
 ring her dear Love might be remem-
 bered to all Faithful Friends, with whom
 she said she was in perfect Unity ; and
 so parted with them in much Sweet-
 ness, Love and Satisfaction : Soon
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after came our Friend George Whitehead, whom she had desired to see, and she was Refreshed and Comforted to see him ; and, said she, Dear George, I am glad to see thee, having always had much Love and Respect for thee, thou having been at my Father's House, and knew my Mother well : And now, tho' I am weak of Body, yet the Lord hath Comforted me with his living Presence ; and **Death is no Terror to me** ; but I am freely resigned and given up into the Hand of my God ; with much more to the same effect ; but she being much spent with the other Friends, that now she could not raise her Voice as she did before ; but with Love and Sweetness, and a smiling Countenance, spake of the Goodness of the Lord to her Soul ; and did recommend her Counsel to those that were present, that they might not leave that Work to do ; but Labour to make their Calling and Election sure, before they were cast upon a Bed of Languishing, as she was upon ; but through the Love
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of her Heavenly Father, she was waiting for her Change, and desired that she might hold out to the End in true Patience ; and she desired George Whitehead also to be at her Burial : And after he had spoken a few words, in Prayer and Supplication on her Behalf, she parted with him in much Love and Unity :—And afterwards she said, **O that I had Wings like a Dove ! for then would I fly away, and be at Rest :** With many other Living and Heavenly Expressions.

These Things are written, not only for the Comfort, but Encouragement of those that are yet behind, to Love the Lord above all, and follow him fully ; that he may not forsake them in the Day of Distress ; as this Friend often said, *The Eternal God was her Refuge, and underneath was the Everlasting Arm of his Power, to uphold and lift up her Head above the Floods of Temptations and Tryals, that she met with-*
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all; by which she was enabled to sound forth Praises and humble Thanksgiving to his Holy and Blessed Name.

And so she departed this Life the next Day, being the 3d of the 2d Month, 1702. Aged about 39 Years, and was buried at Friends Burial-Ground in Bunhill-Fields, London.

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